

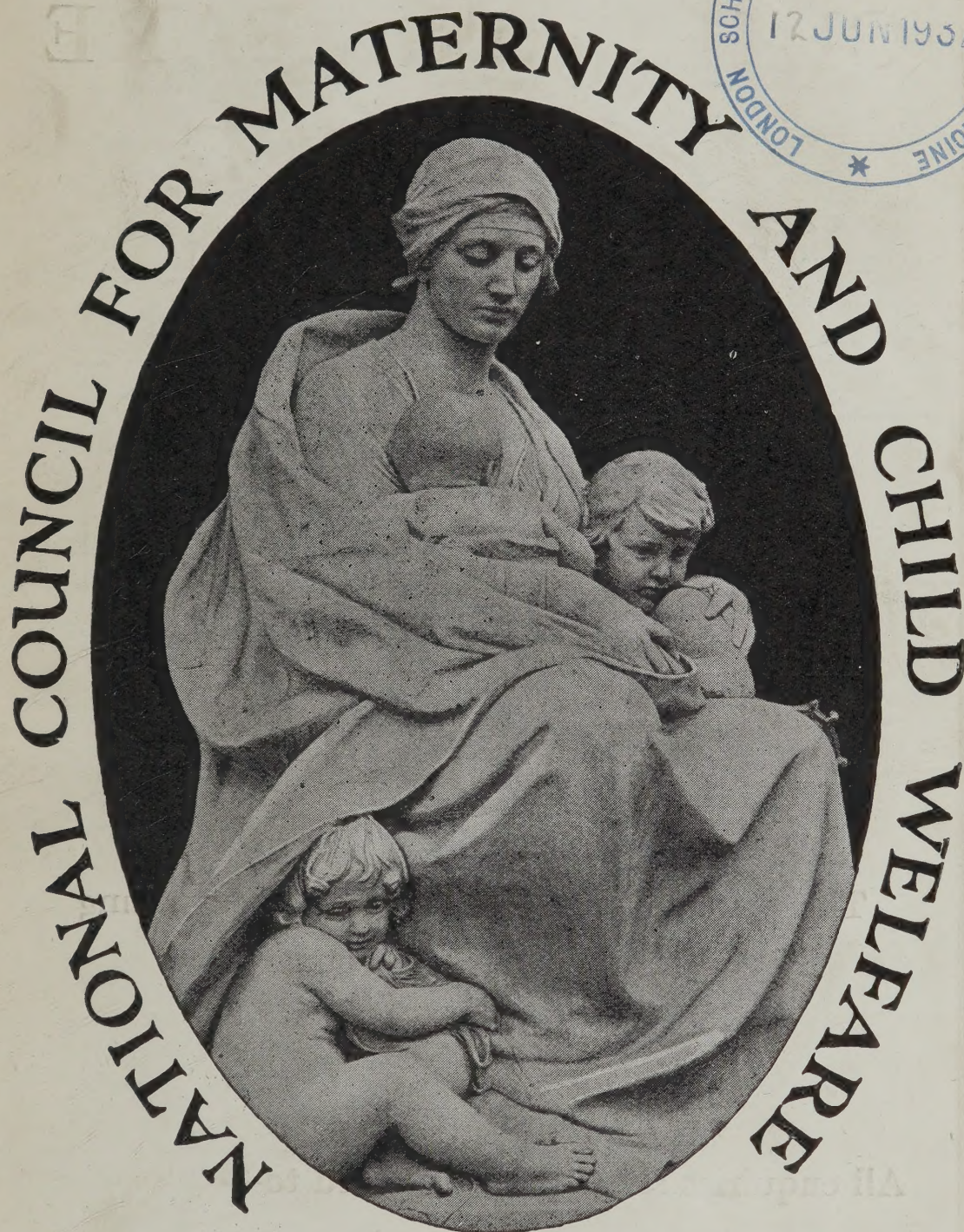
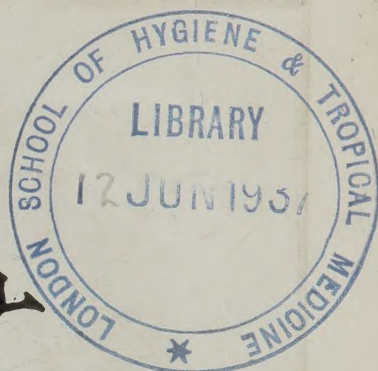
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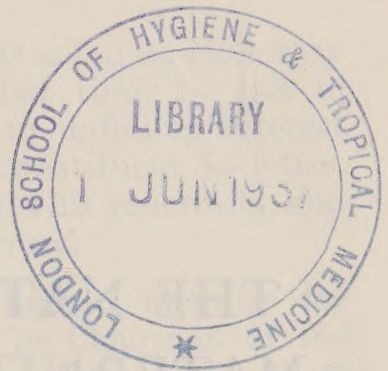
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### **SUMMARY OF OBJECTS.**

(a) To co-ordinate and assist the work of the various national and local voluntary organisations concerned in the care of motherhood, infancy and childhood.

(b) To assist in the establishment and maintenance of such residential institutions as the Constituent Bodies may from time to time find necessary.

(c) To promote a standardisation of training for social welfare workers in connection with motherhood, infancy and childhood.

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# THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MATERNITY & CHILD WELFARE.

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## Annual Report.

**T**HE National Council has pleasure in presenting its Report for 1936.

The National Council accepted with great regret the resignation of the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley from the Chairmanship of the Council—a position which he had held since its inception in 1919. It felt so greatly indebted to him for all he had done during those years that it could only acquiesce in his decision that the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare must be included among those activities which, for reasons of health, he had reluctantly to give up. It is therefore a source of much gratification to know that he is willing for his name to remain on the Council and to give his advice and encouragement as in the past.

The National Council has also to report the resignation of the Hon. Lady Lawrence who for two years was Chairman of the Executive Committee. She not only presided over the Committee with unfailing regularity but was always willing to represent the Council on deputations and conferences where her wide knowledge and experience of public work would be of benefit to the National Council. The National Council would like to express its thanks and appreciation of her valuable help and interest in its work.

Sir Albert Levy has had to give up his work as Honorary Treasurer. His health has necessitated his being out of town much more than in the past and he would consequently be unable to attend the National Council's meetings or give as much time as



he would like to the National Council. He has acted as Honorary Treasurer since July, 1930, and during that time he has in innumerable ways, great and small, shown an unfailing interest in the welfare of the National Council and its Constituent Societies. The National Council most sincerely appreciates his generosity and the help he has given during the past six years.

The Lady Sydenham of Combe who has been a member for many years, has most kindly consented to be Chairman of the National Council and of the Executive Committee for a short time until a more permanent Chairman can be found. The Council is most grateful to her for taking on this additional work.

### **Children's Welfare Day and Special Appeal.**

The National Council is deeply indebted to \*Lady Greer for her work in connection with Children's Welfare Day. She has undertaken this arduous and difficult work for several years, with fresh enthusiasm each time. The net proceeds of the Flag Day, including donations was £1,525 2s. 2d.; of this sum £1,349 17s. 0d. was returned to the various Societies and branches which had organised depots.

Owing to Court mourning it was not possible to have the usual Garden Party at St. James' Palace which meant a considerable loss to the Council. Lady Greer, however, most kindly made a personal appeal to her friends and was able to present the National Council with a cheque for £310.

In connection with Children's Welfare Day mention must be made of the new regulations made by the Police authorities for street collections (Flag Days) in the London Area. They have decided to limit the number of Flag Days and are only permitting two to be held in London on behalf of Children's Societies—the days being Saturday, 10th April 1937 and Saturday, 3rd July, 1937. This has necessitated a Joint Executive Committee being set up to control and co-ordinate the organisation of these two street collections. The following Societies are represented on the Committee :—

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|---|---|
| 1. The National Children's<br>Home and Orphanage. | 5. National Society for the<br>Prevention of Cruelty<br>to Children |
| 2. The Crusade of Rescue.                         | 6. National Council for<br>Maternity and Child<br>Welfare.          |
| 3. The Waifs and Strays.                          |   |
| 4. Dr. Barnardo's Homes.                          |   |

\* The death of Lady Greer in March 1937 is reported with deep regret.



To facilitate the organisation these Societies have divided into two groups, Societies 1, 2 and 3 forming one group and 4, 5 and 6 the other. The first group will be responsible for the organisation of the collection on April 10th and the second group for that on July 3rd.

The total amount collected on the two days will be pooled and after deduction of the expenses will be divided on an agreed basis. It is generally acknowledged that there were too many Flag Days in London but if the Societies working for the Welfare of Mothers and of Children are not to lose considerably a great effort must be made to increase the number of voluntary helpers on the two days.

### **Central Council for the Care of Cripples.**

The National Council regrets that the expansion of the work of the Central Council necessitated its giving up its offices at Carnegie House and moving to 34, Eccleston Square, but is pleased that the Central Council for the Care of Cripples still remains a Constituent Society.

### **Association of Nursery Training Colleges.**

The National Council reports the affiliation of the Association of Nursery Training Colleges and welcomes this connection with an Association which has as its object "the encouragement of a high standard of training in Nursery Colleges and the promotion of the welfare of Nursery Nurses."

### **Thanks.**

The Council gratefully acknowledge Annual Grants from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, the British Red Cross Society, the Institute of Infant Welfare Fund, and thanks all those who have given grants and donations through the Special Appeal Fund.

### **House.**

The work of the House Committee which meets every month is largely routine and there is nothing of special interest to report.

The Lecture Hall and Board Room are available for meetings, lectures, etc., at a small charge and there is also a lantern, which can be hired. Enquiries should be addressed to the



Secretary, National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare,  
Carnegie House, 117, Piccadilly, W. 1.

### **Publications, Library and Editorial.**

Mr. Peyton Baly was again appointed Chairman of this Committee and the warmest thanks are due to him for his keen interest in its work.

**LIBRARY.**—It is obvious that the Lending and Reference Library, which is maintained by the Council for the benefit of its Constituent Bodies and of the public at large, is proving its worth, as the following statistics show :—

MEMBERSHIP.	BOOKS BORROWED.
1935—102	600
1936—146	1,123

The membership is necessarily of a fluctuating nature, for the majority of those who use it, do so either for a special study purpose, or in connection with children under school age. When these needs have been met, or the majority of the appropriate books in the Library have been borrowed, membership is not renewed. As long as the new enrolments exceed the resignations, as was the case during the period under review, the position of affairs remains very satisfactory.

Since a small sum is allotted annually by the Council for the purchase of new books, or for additional copies of those most in request, the value and utility of the Library is steadily increased. During the year 26 books were bought for this purpose and 32 were presented by their authors or by members of the various Societies forming the Council.

As an experiment, arrangements were made for group membership on the part of the Nursery Nurses' Association, whose members, in consequence of an increased subscription from the Association as a whole, have the right to borrow such books as they may need, without incurring extra expense. This arrangement has worked very satisfactorily and since March no fewer than 88 books have been borrowed under this scheme.



The Library is probably unique in its historical aspects and as such is greatly appreciated by those who wish to write or speak on this part of the subject. The early reports of many of the voluntary Child Welfare Centres, dating back to 1906 and 1907 are of considerable historical interest, as are also the few medical books on infant care and feeding which appeared early in the century. Now-a-days it is rather a case of *embarras de richesse* and the student of infant care is hard put to it to decide which of the many methods advocated by specialists should be followed.

The National Council is exceedingly grateful to Miss Halford for her interest in everything that concerns the Library and the valuable advice which she never fails to give.

A Bibliography, which gives a selection of the most up-to-date books in the Library, will be sent to enquirers with copies of the rules of membership, etc., while lists showing recent additions to the Library appear four times a year in "Mother and Child."

The Library is available to the general public for reference purposes at any time during office hours and has been frequently used in this way during the year by students, who could not otherwise have found the information they sought. Books may only be borrowed (not more than two at a time, which may be kept for a fortnight) by members of the Constituent Societies or by those who subscribe not less than five shillings a year to the National Council in respect of this privilege.

### **Journal.**

A forum for the discussion of the many-sided problems of the maternity and child welfare movement is provided by 'Mother and Child,' which has now completed its seventh year as the official organ of the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare. The persistent increase apparent in the overseas circulation of this journal is perhaps one of the best indications of its vitality. 'Mother and Child' penetrates to the four quarters of the globe, from New South Wales to Newfoundland, from Japan to the Gold Coast.

The year 1936 saw the publication of a number of articles noteworthy for the stimulating discussion which they provoked both inside and outside the pages of the journal—for example,



the daring theories expressed in Dr. James Kerr's article on "Nursery Schools ; A Universal Requirement " (September and October 1936 issues) have been widely quoted in the medical press and in discussions among specialist child welfare workers.

Among the subjects of topical interest which have been discussed by contributors was the effect of pregnancy upon the benefits of insured women under the national health and unemployment insurance schemes, to which Mr. C. A. Clark, clerk to the West Ham Insurance Committee, devoted an article in the April 1936 issue. Dr. Nina Kellgren, clinical assistant in the children's department of University College Hospital, London, contributed illustrated articles on the early correction of abnormalities of posture, and on corrective exercises for early cases of knock knee. Many other aspects of the physical and mental welfare of mothers and children have been discussed during the year. Subjects dealt with included " Nutritional Diseases Due to Dietic Faults and Deficiencies " (Dr. Eric Pritchard) " The Psychology of Expectant Motherhood " (Dr. G. Dick Read) " The Institutional Care of Children " (Dr. Margaret Hogarth) " The Midwives' Act, 1936 and Its Operation " (Dr. J. J. Buchan) and " The Educational Work of Health Visitors at Infant Welfare Centres " (Miss M. A. Lloyd).

Three special issues appeared during the year—the Baby Week issue (July) the August issue containing the official report of the National Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare held at Liverpool on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and the Health Week issue (October). The main emphasis of the Baby Week issue was on the welfare of the pre-school child, one of the principal themes of the National Baby Week Council's propaganda for Baby Week, 1936. The Conference Report number was as usual in heavy demand, along with the Health Week issue. Among the contributors to the latter was Miss Margaret Morris, who wrote on " Health Play Exercises for Toddlers."

Constituent Societies of the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare may obtain bulk supplies of the journal at specially reduced rates, particulars of which may be obtained from the proprietors of ' Mother and Child ' 5, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1. The regular subscription rate is 8s. 6d. per annum.

### **CHILD WELFARE EXHIBITIONS.**

The Exhibitions Committee of the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare under the Chairmanship of the Lady Cynthia Colville met five times during the year. The Committee is able to report that the educational work of the Exhibitions has been maintained and shown progress during the year. The continued success in rural areas of the lectures illustrated by the exhibit on nutrition is most encouraging. As a result charts and posters have been added to this section which have proved of such value that the Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres is arranging to publish a selection of these posters on behalf of the Exhibitions Committee. The series of posters, "Maternity and Child Welfare", published by the Institute of Infant Welfare Fund for the Exhibitions have been of great use both for the Travelling Exhibition and for the former Empire Marketing Board frames taken over by the Local Authorities. There has been an increase in the demand for lectures illustrated by the films on Infant Management and copies of these films have been added to the Rural Exhibit.

Testimony of the value to the Maternity and Child Welfare movement of a visit of the Exhibition is repeatedly being heard. As an example, after the visit of the Exhibition to Glasgow in 1935, Mothercraft classes were started by the Assistant Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare for Glasgow who ordered the demonstration doll and equipment for this purpose. During 1936 these classes increased and more equipment was ordered. These lasting results are encouraging.

#### **Exhibition at Carnegie House.**

This exhibition is open daily. It has been visited by many individuals from home and abroad and by groups of students for whom lecture demonstrations are arranged.

We were honoured by a visit of representatives from the Ministry of Health who expressed appreciation of both the exhibits and films.

35 demonstrations and 8 film displays have been given to the following groups :—

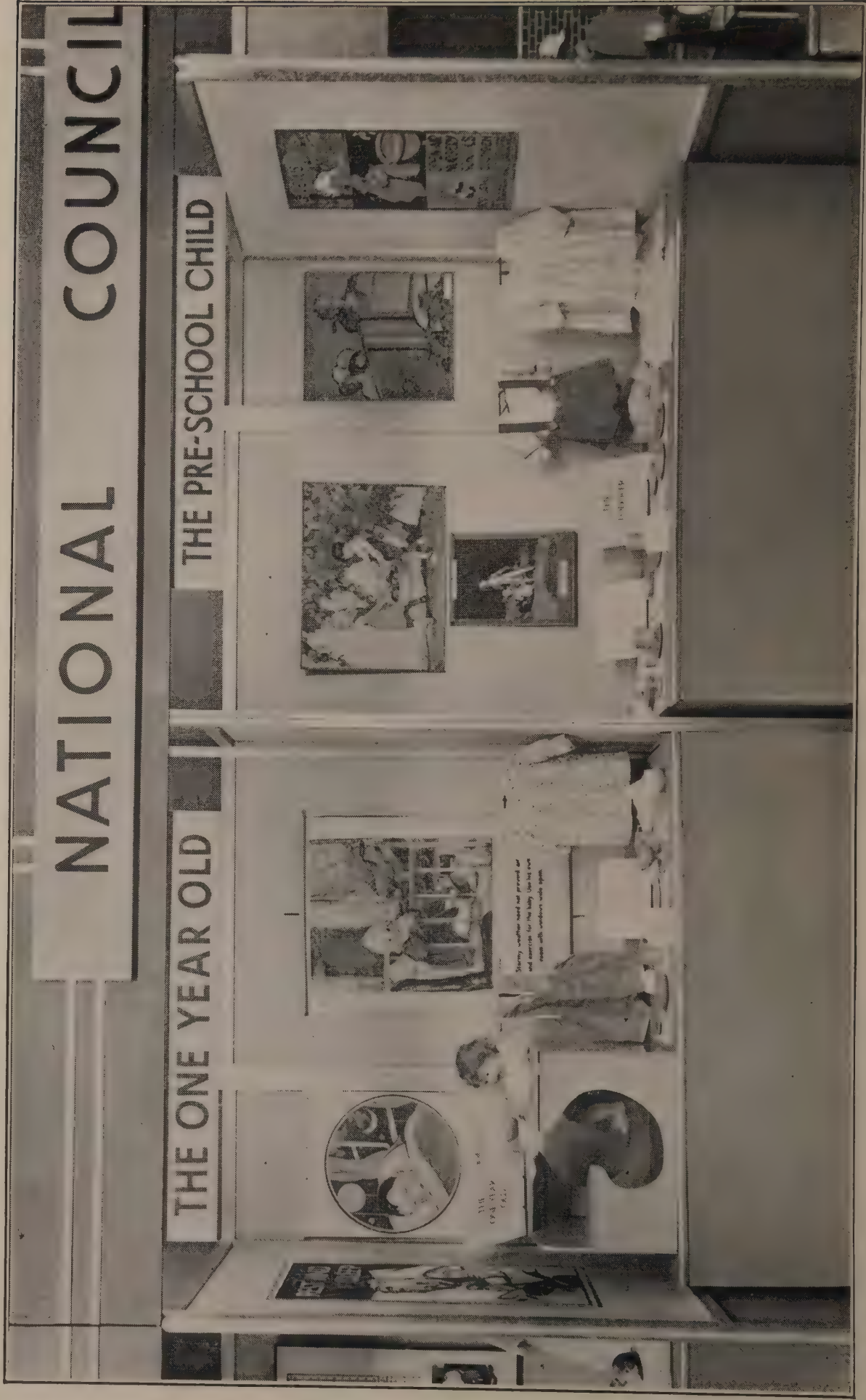
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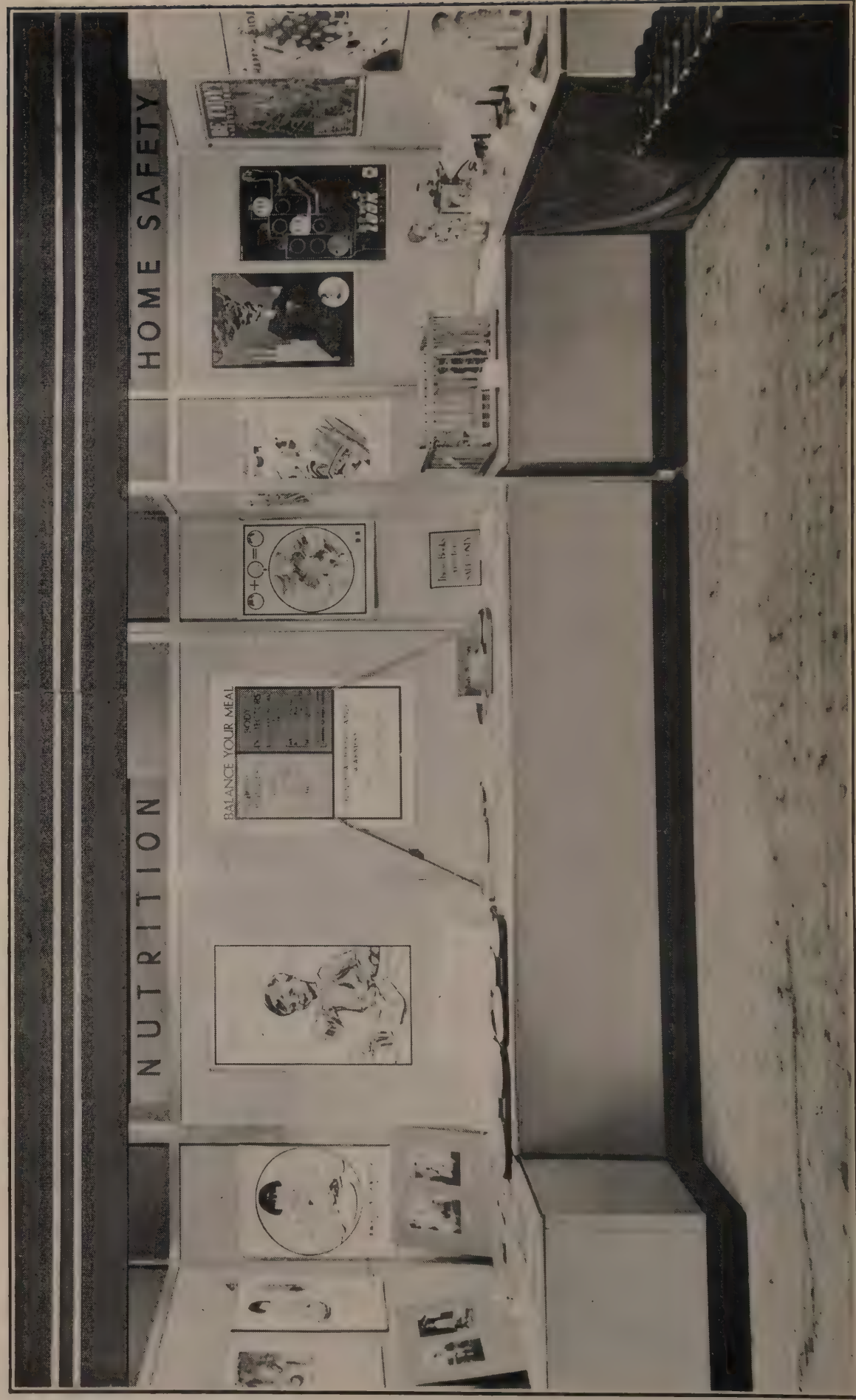
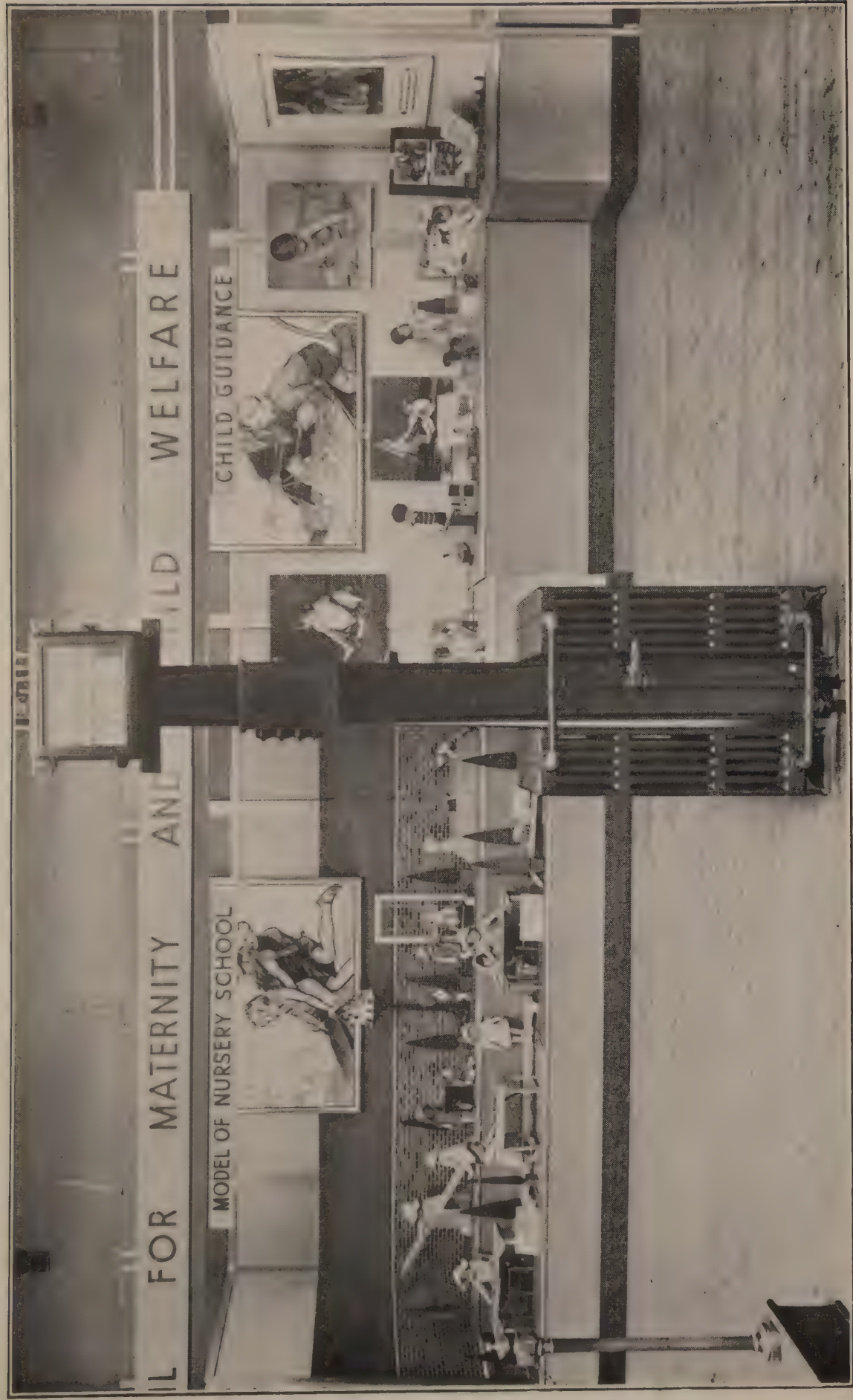












Views of the Child Welfare Travelling Exhibition as displayed at the York Health Week Exhibition, Oct. 1935.





Students from :—

Central Council for the Care of Cripples.  
 Florence Nightingale Foundation.  
 National Training College of Domestic Subjects.  
 Post Graduate School of Midwives.

School girls from :—

London County Council.  
 Essex               "               "  
 Middlesex       "               "

V.A.D. members British Red Cross Society from :—

Kent Branch.  
 City of London Branch.  
 Training School for Officers.

Mothers attending Infant Welfare Centres and others.

### **Maternity and Child Welfare Section of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Museum.**

The National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare in co-operation with its Constituent Societies is responsible for this exhibit. Charts and other material during the year have been brought up to date.

### **Travelling Exhibitions.**

The complete exhibition with a lecturer in charge have visited the following :—

Place :	At the request of :
ROCHDALE.	Public Health Committee.
EDMONTON.	"               "               "
HIGH WYCOMBE.	"               "               "
EDINBURGH.	"               "               "
GOLDSMITH'S COLLEGE, NEW CROSS.	
ST. PANCRAS.	Voluntary Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.
LIVERPOOL MUSEUM.	National Child Welfare Conference.
SIDMOUTH	Voluntary Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.
*PORTSMOUTH.	Public Health Committee.
*ELTHAM.	"               "               "
ASHFORD (KENT).	"               "               "



**\*NORTH LONDON EXHIBITION FOR HOME LOVERS.**

IPSWICH.

Public Health Committee.

\*At these places the Health Exhibitions, of which the Travelling Exhibition form the Maternity and Child Welfare Section, were organised by the Central Council for Health Education. This co-operation with the Central Council for Health Education is much appreciated.

At Liverpool a section of the City Museum was cleared and stands erected for the display of the Travelling Exhibition. The Director of the Museum expressed his appreciation of the high standard of the exhibits. As a result he has asked the Exhibitions Committee to consider a scheme whereby a loan collection can be displayed in public museums.

*Sections of the Exhibitions* have been sent to :—

Southampton University College.

National Safety First Congress.

Newbury Infant Welfare Centre.

Dorchester County School for Girls.

Pretoria Road London Senior School for Girls.

Oxford.

Scottish Red Cross Camp.

Sandwich Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

**Exhibition for Rural Areas.**

To meet the increasing demand for the diet section of this Exhibit, which was collected by means of a special grant from the Carnegie Trustees, additional charts and posters have been collected. In most instances the Organiser or Assistant Organiser has been asked to give a lecture on nutrition illustrated by the Exhibit. 62 of these lectures have been given in rural areas.

*The complete Exhibition* has been sent to :—

Chalford Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

Duchess of Norfolk's Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

The Lancashire Federation of Women's Institutes.

Welwyn Garden City.

In addition to the 62 places mentioned under lectures, *sections* have also been sent to :—

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council.

„ Education Committee.

Stanborough Hydro, Watford.  
 Derbyshire Federation of Women's Institutes.  
 Kenley Women's Institute.  
 Cheshire Red Cross.  
 Chalford, Gloucestershire.

### Lectures.

In addition to those given on tour with the Exhibition, 113 other lectures have been arranged which may be classified as follows :—

Lectures on Nutrition.  
 „ with a film display.  
 „ courses on Infant Welfare.

Arranged by the following :—

British Red Cross Society at :—  
 National V.A.D. Camp, course of 10 lectures.  
 Officers Training Week „ „ „  
 City of London Branch, „ 11 „

Cuckfield Urban District Council at :—

Haywards Heath (2), Lindfield, Cuckfield.

Florence Nightingale Foundation, to :—

International students, course of 4 lectures.

Hertfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes at :—

Standon.	Essendon.	Great Amwell.
Stanstead Abbots.	Codicote.	Stapleford
North Mimms	Kings Langley.	St. Albans.
Ashwell.	Much Hadham.	Chipperfield.
Hertford Heath.	Knebworth.	Wheathampstead.
Hunsdon.	Hertingfordbury.	Cuffley.
Hatfield Hyde.		

National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality at :—

Welling.	Starch Green.	Brockley.
Cranford.	Lordship Lane.	Silvertown.
Leighton Buzzard.	Sandwich.	
Crofton Park.	Y.W.C.A.	

Oswestry Rural District Council at :—

Weston Rhyn.	Gobowen.	West Felton.
Maesbury.	Whittington.	Trefonen.
Llanymyech.	St. Martins.	Oswestry.



Staffordshire Insurance Committee for the Federation of Women's Institute's at :—

Maer.	Ipstones.	Great Barr.
Berkswich.	Kingstone.	Lichfield.
Gnosall.	Mayfield.	Pelsall.
Keele.	Eccleshall.	Great Wyrley.
Swynnerton.	Bignall End.	Penkridge.
Caverswall.	Longdon.	Wombourne.
Endon.	Barton and Dunstall.	

West Sussex Federation of Women's Institutes at :—

Funtington.	Eastbourne.	Roffey.
Pulborough.	Littlehampton.	

Ashley Women's Institute.  
 Crawley Down Infant Welfare Centre.  
 Guildford Branch of the Townswomen's Guild.  
 Hampshire Association of Teachers of Domestic Subjects.  
 Leicester Personal Health Association.  
 Medway Branch of the Midwives Institute.  
 Shoreham Women's Institute.  
 Sittingbourne Women's Institute.  
 Upper Hardres Women's Institute.  
 Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea.  
 Women's Club, Wellington Barracks.

The films have been lent not accompanied by one of the Council's lecturers, by special permission of Messrs. Kodak, to the Nursing and Midwifery Conference and the Oldham Public Health Committee.

### **New Exhibits.**

#### **Maternity and Child Welfare Posters.**

A series of six posters in three colours illustrating Healthy Motherhood, Healthy Childhood, and four on Children's Clothing have been given by the Institute of Infant Welfare Fund to the Exhibitions. The posters are in green, buff and black, price 7/6 a set complete or 4/6 for clothing posters only, post free.

#### **Nutrition Posters.**

Seven posters have been designed for the nutrition section ; these are hand-painted but four are to be published and will be available for sale in the near future.

## Films.

Copies of the Infant Management films have been added to the Rural Exhibit which has a 16 mm. projector.

## Sale of Exhibits.

The sale of exhibition material ranges from the collection of copies of complete sections for re-sale to authorities both at home and abroad, to small pamphlets. Amongst many other orders, model diets have been made and sent to :—

The Tolson Memorial Museum, Huddersfield.  
Hackney Borough Council.  
Indian Red Cross.  
Salisbury Health Department, Southern Rhodesia.

The Sunanair Balcony which is approved by the Royal Society of British Architects has been sold to a number of parents.

Many education authorities have applied for particulars of the apparatus required for the teaching of mothercraft to school girls and for this purpose a number of the model demonstration baby dolls have been sold as well as cots, mattresses, etc. Altogether 39 dolls have been sold.

## Acknowledgements.

The Exhibitions Committee wishes to express its sincere thanks to the Trustees of the Institute of Infant Welfare Fund for the annual grant and other benefits which the Trustees have so generously bestowed on the Exhibitions.

The Committee wishes to record its appreciation of the regular help given by the voluntary workers Miss Tomlin and Miss Buck.

For all information regarding charges for hire, fees and the sale of exhibits apply to :—

Miss M. H. Keating, *Organiser*,  
National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare,  
117, Piccadilly, W. 1.



### **Conferences and Meetings.**

The National Council has taken part in many Conferences and Meetings during the year.

The Third International Conference on Social Work, organised by the British National Committee, was held in London. The Council and its Constituent Societies were represented on the Committee and, in addition to sending delegates, arranged a rota of helpers in connection with the Information Bureau and Bookstall and invited delegates to Carnegie House to meet members of the Constituent Societies and see the Permanent Exhibition.

The National Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare, organised by the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality on behalf of the National Council, was held in the Picton Hall, Liverpool. The Travelling Exhibition was displayed in the Museum adjoining the Hall and was visited by many of the delegates. The Constituent Societies of the National Council took part in the organisation of the Session or Joint Session allocated to them.

The National Council was also represented at the following :—  
The Royal Sanitary Institute's Conference at Southport, a Conference on the "Midwives' Act and its Operation" arranged by the Royal Sanitary Institute, the Annual Conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, the Conference on Mental Welfare, the Annual Conference of the Central Council for Health Education, the Annual Conference of the National Federation of Personal Health Associations, a Conference arranged by the Nursery School Association on "The Education of the Child under Five," and at meetings of "A Children's Minimum" Committee.

The Hon. Lady Lawrence continued throughout the year to represent the National Council at meetings of "A Ten Year Plan for Children" and of the Women's Housing Committee. In connection with the latter she reported on the Deputation to the Minister of Health and on the formation of a permanent Committee called the Women's Advisory Housing Council which resulted from it.

### **Representation on other Organisations and Committees.**

The National Council is represented on the following :—

The National Council of Women of Great Britain.

The National Council of Social Service.

The Sunlight League.

The Home Safety Committee of the National " Safety First " Association.

A Ten Year Plan for Children.

The Women's Advisory Housing Council.

The Central Council for Health Education.

The National Federation of Personal Health Associations.

The Emergency Open-Air Nurseries Committee of the Save the Children Fund.

### **Acknowledgements.**

The National Council desires to express its grateful thanks for the help given to it throughout the year by its Hon. Officers, Committee Members, voluntary helpers, especially Lady Bertha Dawkins, Lady Cynthia Colville, and the many who were connected with " Children's Welfare Day " and by Messrs. Hargrove & Co., Hon. Solicitors to the National Council.

The valuable and untiring services rendered by the Permanent Staff, Miss Moffatt, Miss Keating and their assistants are also much appreciated.

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# ASSOCIATION OF MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

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## **Resignation of Dr. Eric Pritchard.**

The Executive Committee has sustained a great loss in the resignation of Dr. Eric Pritchard, who has been chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association since its inception in 1911. The last meeting of the year was made the occasion of a presentation from the Committee as a small mark of their appreciation of his invaluable services to the Association and to the maternity and child welfare movement as a whole. Dr. G. F. Still, chairman of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality (of which Dr. Pritchard was one of the Hon. Secretaries) who made the presentation, said every one was aware of the splendid work Dr. Pritchard had done, his expert knowledge and whole-hearted devotion to the cause of maternity and child welfare.

## **Executive Committee.**

The postal ballot for the 1936 Executive Committee was held in January. There were 72 nominations for the 28 seats. Mrs. Gordon Dugdale (Cirencester), Mrs. Schofield Coates (Middlesbrough), Dr. Mary Pratt (Gloucestershire) and Dr. Nora Wattie (Glasgow) were new-comers to the Committee.

The Executive Committee has continued its policy of discussing subjects of vital interest to the maternity and child welfare movement as a whole. Of these, the one which was the most important and occupied the attention of the members for some considerable time, was the question of overcrowding at maternity and child welfare centres.

Other questions discussed were the training of midwives in relation to the care of the newly born infant, and the block grant.

### **Membership.**

The number of affiliated centres shows a slight increase on last year, 46 having been added during this period. It is satisfactory to report that about 50% of all the centres in the United Kingdom, both municipal and voluntary, are affiliated. The centres as a whole greatly appreciate the advantages of belonging to an organisation such as the A.M.C.W.C., apart from the material benefits they gain thereby.

### **Council Meeting.**

The annual council meeting was held, as on previous occasions, during the Maternity and Child Welfare Conference which took place this year in Liverpool. This meeting was arranged in co-operation with the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and the subject chosen for discussion was "The promotion of maternal welfare in relation to child health" under the chairmanship of the Lord Mayor of Liverpool and subsequently Mrs. E. M. Braddock chairman of the Liverpool maternity and child welfare sub-committee.

### **Joint Quarterly Meetings.**

The Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality held two joint meetings during the year. (For further details see the report of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, page 47).

### **Publications.**

Two new books were published during the year. "The Care of Children from One to Five Years," by Dr. John Gibbens, Medical Officer to the Chelsea Babies Club, had excellent press notices and is selling very well. "The Management of the New Born Baby" by Dr. Alan Moncrieff, Assistant Paediatrician to Queen Charlotte's Hospital, is a textbook for midwives and maternity nurses, and by its ready sale it has already proved itself a valuable guide for those for whom it was written.



The 16th edition of "To Mothers and Fathers" has engaged the attention of the Editorial Committee for some time. This new and revised edition will be published early in the new year. It will consist of 100,000 copies, and bring the total number published up to one million. This pamphlet has had a remarkable history and growth—first published in 1916 as "To Wives and Mothers," it has grown in bulk and popularity right through its fifteen editions. Ever increasing quantities are brought and distributed by Local Health Authorities, while thousands of copies are bought direct by individual mothers in all parts of the Kingdom and throughout the Empire; it can require no further testimonial to its usefulness.

### **Clothing.**

The Clothing Sub-Committee issued in the summer the pattern of an attractive and scientifically designed sun suit, consisting of dress, coat and hat, for children up to 4 years. These patterns immediately proved the need for suits of this type and during the warm weather had a quick sale.

The Committee has also, in co-operation with the Viyella Company, had under consideration knitted garments for children from birth to four years of age. A little book of instructions for knitting approved garments for children of this age group will be published early in 1937.

### **Bargain Sales.**

Two bargain sales were held during the year, one in May and the other in November, from which a sum of £311 4s. 0d. was raised in aid of the three Convalescent Homes run by the Association.

### **Competitors and Examinations.**

The entries for all the competition events showed a slight increase on 1935.

The numbers entering for the elementary and secondary schools shields are still comparatively small. As the teaching of mothercraft is now an important part of the domestic subjects curriculum in most schools the Association appeals to the teachers of these subjects to interest their pupils in the competitions and enter their schools for the Rhondda Mothercraft Challenge Shields.

## RESULTS.

### Rhondda Mothercraft Challenge Shields.

Elementary Schools	Spencer Girls School, Beverley.
Secondary Schools, etc.	7th London Co. Girls Life Brigade.
M. & C.W. Centres, England & Wales	Hetton-le-Hole.
M. & C.W. Centres, Scotland & Ireland	Castlegate No. 2 Centre, Aberdeen.

### National Parentcraft Competitions for Centres.

Silver challenge shield.	Wellingborough.
Silver cup.	Harrogate.
Silver medal	Carnegie Centre, Birmingham.
Bronze medal.	Higham Ferrers.

The Rushden maternity and child welfare centre was at the head of the list for the fourth year in succession and as it could not hold the shield for more than three years, it was awarded a special certificate of honour.

### Other Activities.

The Association has always done, and continues to do, a vast amount of other work which does not come under any of the headings already given. The greater part of this work is the interviewing of the callers who come daily to the Association's offices with their many needs and requests for help. Some want information about maternity homes and convalescent homes, some ask for reliable books on the care of children; a great many want to know where they can place their children temporarily while they are unable, for some reason or other, to care for them at home. The Association does what it can for each caller and sees to it that no one is sent away unhelped.

A large number of visitors from all over the world also call at the offices; these visitors are usually interested in the Association and in maternity and child welfare work, they may wish to see centres in London and elsewhere and they know that they will be able to obtain from the Association the necessary introductions and help they want. A certain number come for information about maternity and child welfare work in foreign countries which they are about to visit.



### **The Child Welfare Workers' Employment Bureau.**

The bureau has had a busy and successful year. 231 private posts were filled, among which were two nurses for the St. Neots "quads," and 216 institutional posts—an increase of 103 placings as compared with 1935.

### **CONVALESCENT HOMES DEPARTMENT.**

The Association, conscious of the great need which exists for Homes for mothers and babies, took over from the owner, at a yearly rental, the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital Children's Convalescent Home at Mayfield, Sussex, and opened it in July last as a Convalescent Home for mothers and babies. The house has a delightful situation, in the midst of lovely country off the high road, away from noise and traffic. Since the date of opening 51 mothers have benefitted by a fortnight's visit, a few have stayed longer.

The John Madocks Convalescent Babies Home, Basing, has carried on the excellent work for children under 2 years, for which it is now so well-known. During the year, 63 children were admitted. The Home has very many good friends, especially Mrs. John Madocks, to whom the Association offers its grateful thanks.

The Noel Home, Letchworth, has had 120 children between the ages of 2 and 5 in residence during the year. The interior of the house was decorated in the Spring and a cork carpet laid down in the nursery.

The Association has continued its co-operation with the Babies' Hotel and Nursery Training School, which reports a successful year's work.

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## THE ASSOCIATION OF NURSERY TRAINING COLLEGES.

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The Association of Nursery Training Colleges has much pleasure in stating that it has now become one of the affiliated Societies of the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare ; its application having been accepted in October, 1936.

The Association was founded in 1925 by the Hon. Mrs. St. Aubyn, its objects being to encourage a high standard of training in Nursery Colleges and to promote the welfare of Nursery Nurses.

There is a very advantageous pension scheme. Particulars can be had on application.

### **Nursery Nursing as a Career,**

The life is a healthy one, full of human interest and is of national importance.

The demand for Nursery Trained Nurses is a steady one, there is therefore a quick return for the outlay on the training fees. The period of training is short : Matriculation and the higher examinations are not required, but a good all-round education is essential.

The wage-earning years extend over a long period.

The training is practical, besides serving as a stepping to other branches of women's work : it is also an excellent preparation for home life.

### **Qualifications.**

A genuine love for and sympathy with little children, common-sense, patience, observation, adaptability, a strong sense of responsibility and loyalty, good health and mental and physical activity are some of the foremost qualifications necessary to success in the Nursery.

The Association has drawn up Rules for Nursery Institutions attached to the Association and only those reaching that standard of efficiency are admitted.



The following Colleges belong to the Association :—

All Saints' Nursery Training College, Harrogate, Yorks.

The Babies' Hotel Nursery Training College, 83, King's Avenue,  
Clapham Park, London, S.W.4.

The Hants and Dorset Babies' Home and Nursery Training  
School, Parkstone, Dorset.

The Highbury Nursery Training College, 30-32 Highbury Grove,  
London, N. 5.

Hoylake Babies' Hospital and Nursery Training College,  
Hoylake, Cheshire.

The Mothercraft Training Society, Cromwell House, Highgate,  
London, N. 6.

The Norland Institute, Pembridge Square, London, W. 2.

The Princess Alice Nursery Training School, Castlebar,  
Sydenham Hill, S.E. 26.

The Princess Alice Nursery Training School, Tower Cressy,  
Aubrey Road, Campden Hill, W. 8.

The Princess Christian College, Fallowfield, Manchester.

The Princess Christian Infants' Nursery, King's Road, Windsor.  
(called " Windsor Princess Christian Nurses.")

St. Christopher's Nursery College, Pembury Road, Tunbridge  
Wells, Kent.

St. Gregory's Babies' Home, Peverell, Plymouth.

St. Thomas's Babies' Hostel, Prince's Road, Kennington,  
London, S.E.11.

St. Vincent's Nursery Training School, Yelverton, Devonshire.

St. Winifred's Nursery Training School, Woodlands, 378,  
Upper Richmond Road, Putney, S.W. 15.

The Violet Melchett Mothercraft Training Home, Manor Street,  
Chelsea, S.W. 3.

The Wellgarth Nursery Training College of the Women's In-  
dustrial Council (Incorporated), Wellgarth Road, Golders  
Green, London, N.W.11.

All communications should be addressed to :—

The Hon. Secretary,  
Mrs. Ernest Shaw,  
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# CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR THE CARE OF CRIPPLES.

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In the Annual Report for 1935, the Central Council announced Lord Nuffield's magnificent gift for the Care of Cripples in Great Britain, and looked forward to a rapid advance in the organisation of complete orthopaedic schemes throughout the country. The report which follows shows in some detail the work that has been done in co-operation with the Lord Nuffield Fund and also mention the general activities of the Council during the year.

We have learnt much during the past year, but the most vital point that has emerged is that the need and opportunity for assistance to cripples is even greater than had previously been shown. A tremendous effort should be made to provide the help needed so that we may seize the opportunities presenting themselves on all sides.

H.M. The Queen, whose interest in work for cripples has been so clearly and generously demonstrated in the past, has graciously granted her continued Patronage to the Central Council, which is very grateful for this recognition of its work, and is glad to take this opportunity of expressing its appreciation of Her Majesty's interest and support.



The Lord Nuffield Fund for Cripples was created early in 1936 to promote the establishment and development of complete orthopaedic schemes in those areas where such provision is at present wholly lacking or inadequate. The Trustees are of opinion that the Fund can best achieve Lord Nuffield's objects through the establishment of local voluntary associations for the care of cripples, working in close co-operation with the Local Authorities, whose duties now include the provision of certain facilities for cripples and without whose support and co-operation further work would be rendered difficult, if not impossible. It is hoped, however, that through the new voluntary associations all the component parts of a complete orthopaedic scheme can be brought together and made to work to the best advantage.

The first task of the Committee was to select and train a National Organiser and during 1936 she has paid several visits to Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Essex, Surrey, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Gloucestershire, Nottinghamshire, etc. Following upon the appointment of a National Organiser, the Committee turned their attention to the selection of suitable Organisers for work in the counties, and after periods of training ranging from six to twelve weeks, twelve are now at work in different counties, while a further group of four is just about to begin training.

Complete schemes, including the building of new central orthopaedic hospitals, have been drawn up for Durham and East Anglia, and the former has been accepted by the majority of the County Boroughs and Boroughs and approved by the Ministry of Health and the Board of Education, while the latter is still under consideration by the surgeons concerned. A special survey report of Yorkshire was completed and this showed great need for further orthopaedic facilities, the most salient being the formation of a voluntary county association for the care of cripples ; the establishment of a new central orthopaedic hospital with associated clinics ; the provision of fracture clinics and additional accommodation for short stay orthopaedic cases ; and arrangements for rehabilitation and vocational training. A plan for the organisation of this huge area has been drawn up and we are encouraged by the welcome so far accorded to our suggestions.

In Surrey and Leicestershire voluntary Associations for the Care of Cripples have already been formed. In Sussex, it was decided that no useful plan of work could be drawn up until a

register of cripples had been made and for six months the Organiser there has been engaged in compiling a register which already contains some 1,200 names. Middlesex and Essex presented rather special problems as in neither is there much county feeling, but there is evidence of a need for voluntary effort to supplement the official schemes. The Organisers have therefore concentrated upon case work and encouraged the formation of small local committees where these seemed desirable. The establishment of an Association in Derbyshire has also presented difficulties but small urban committees are being set up and handcraft classes arranged by the Organiser and the Home Industry Teacher have proved very successful and aroused local interest and support. In Lincolnshire, Gloucestershire and Kent negotiations are in progress and it is hoped that early in 1937 work will be commenced in each of these districts.

In South Wales, two Organisers are now at work and successful meetings have been held in Pembrokeshire, Cardigan and Carmarthenshire, and a voluntary association for the care of cripples formed in each of these counties. Plans have been prepared for the inauguration of a badly-needed orthopaedic clinic in the Rhondda area, where at present there is no provision for orthopaedic treatment. Arrangements for the extension of hospital facilities in the area are also now under discussion.

In Scotland, an Advisory Committee has been formed to direct a survey of orthopaedic needs and facilities. Two Organisers have been selected for training and will commence work as soon as possible.

In addition to the expansion of work entailed by the creation of the Lord Nuffield Fund, all the normal activities of the Council have been continued. During 1935, only 264 new applications for help for individual cripples were received but in 1936, these increased to 477, necessitating the calling together of a Case Committee fortnightly. The applications received point to the great need for facilities for vocational training and employment for cripples, and particularly for some form of employment for those too severely handicapped to compete in the open market.

The two portfolios on design have proved extremely successful and are in constant demand, while a third portfolio on colour is now in course of preparation. The eleventh annual short course



for teachers of physically defective children was organised by the Council in co-operation with the Board of Education in September, and was held in the Westminster Training College, London. Thirty-nine students attended and the usual programme of lectures, practical demonstrations and school visits was greatly appreciated.

Arrangements have now been made for the Fourth International Exhibition of Cripples' Work to be held under the auspices of the C.C.C.C. at the Music Hall and Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh, from October 13th to 16th, 1937. A strong local committee has been formed and invitations have been issued to the principal organisations for the care of cripples throughout the world.

In 1934 a Committee was appointed to investigate and report on the advisability of establishing an Orthopaedic Nursing Certificate based on a uniform syllabus acceptable to most orthopaedic hospitals and to make recommendations thereon. The final report of this Committee has now been adopted and it is hoped that the first examination for the new Certificate will be held in November, 1937.

Additional to the list of the Council's publications during the year have been :—

- (a) Co-ordination of Effort to Prevent Crippling, by Bryan McFarland, F.R.C.S.
- (b) Directions to Local Representatives of Voluntary Associations for the Care of Cripples, and
- (c) Rules and Syllabus of Orthopaedic Nursing Certificate.

News Letter No. 6 will be in print by the time the Annual Report is issued. It is hoped to publish these at regular intervals in future.

Early in 1936 it became apparent that the Council's offices in Carnegie House were quite inadequate for the volume of work, and in June the move took place to 34, Eccleston Square, S.W.1.

It was with great regret that the Council thus severed its very close connection with the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare, but although the offices have been separated it is hoped none the less that the past happy association will be maintained.

## CHILD GUIDANCE COUNCIL.

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### REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE CHILD GUIDANCE COUNCIL FOR 1936

During 1936 the work of the Council has followed the same general lines as in previous years. There have, however, been changes in emphasis and direction to meet the needs of a growing movement.

Demands for courses of lectures and opportunities for studying child psychology have increased while that for simple lectures has diminished. The Council has organised three short residential Courses for workers in children's homes and residential schools—has contributed a series of lectures on child psychology to training courses for teachers, social workers, parent groups, etc., and, at the request of the National Children's Homes, a society responsible for the care of about 4,000 children, organised a three months course of lectures, discussions and demonstrations for four workers chosen to be in charge of a special branch for difficult children.

The Inter-Clinic Committee has been responsible for carrying through much valuable work and has served to link up the clinics in England, Scotland and Wales. Preparations for the bi-annual Inter-clinic Conference, held in January, 1937, necessitated a considerable amount of work and an interesting programme was drawn up.

The Council has participated in several Conferences during the past year. At the 7th World Conference of the New Education Fellowship the Council organised a section (five days) on "Psychology and Education."



It has again been possible to offer Fellowships in psychiatry and psychology, and those for 1936 were awarded to the following :—

- Psychiatry—Dr. William H. Gillespie.  
                   Dr. Colin Edwards.  
                   Dr. Edward Bowlby.  
 Psychology—Miss Phyllis N. Pye.  
                   Miss Dorothy Hammond.  
                   Miss Marion Kaye.

The Loan service has been curtailed in order to increase the number of fellowships offered, but two psychiatric social workers are on loan for the year 1936-37, one at Dundee Training College psychological clinic and one at the Cheltenham Child Guidance Clinic.

The following pamphlets have been published since January, 1935 :—

1. Suggestions for a Clinic Play-Room.
2. Reprints of lectures given to the Senior Staffs of Children's Homes.
  - (a) Play and Leisure, Price 3d.
  - (b) Physical Health in Relation to Behaviour. Price 3d.
  - (c) The Promotion of Healthy Emotional Growth and Development. Price 3d.
  - (d) Some Causes of Difficult Behaviour in Children. Price 3d.
  - (e) The Relation of Nutrition to Physical Development and Body Mechanics. Price 2d.
  - (f) Some Suggestions for the Re-Education of the Delinquent. Price 3d.

The large number of names in the visitors' book proves once more how readily visitors from overseas or from other parts of England seek information from the Council. Visits to Clinics and other places of interest to them are arranged as they may desire.

Two new Clinics have been opened during the year—one at Bristol under the Education Committee and one at Bishop Creighton House Settlement, Fulham, and there are small part time units for the treatment of behaviour difficulties of children at the Princess Louise Hospital, at Queen's Hospital, Hackney—Victoria Hospital for Children, Paddington Green Children's Hospital and at St. Georges.

# THE MIDWIVES' INSTITUTE.

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INCORPORATED 1889.

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REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 31ST, 1936.

The year 1936 has seen the end of an epoch in the Midwives' profession, and the dawn of a new era as far as Midwives are concerned. The Midwives Act constituting a salaried service for midwives throughout the country and guaranteeing to every mother the services of a skilled attendant, has become law, and on it are based hopes for the future in many directions.

The improvement of conditions and status and the recognition given in the Act to the importance of the midwives profession have given general satisfaction.

The discussions in the Houses of Parliament and in the Public press shewed an understanding of and much sympathy with the tragic situation in which many independent midwives were finding themselves after years of faithful work. In spite of this and of intensive work by the Midwives' Institute the failure to include in the Bill such conditions of compensation as would obtain for older midwives, who will no longer be needed, security for their old age has caused deep disappointment, and the period of years chosen for the calculation of the sum to be claimed as compensation by midwives who give up practice is felt as a hardship by many.

It has been necessary to set up a special Advisory Department of the Midwives' Institute in connection with the Act to deal with cases of difficulty and hardship that are arising from it and an appeal is being made to all members through the Branches for a voluntary gift of 1/- towards a Distress Fund to give temporary help to those colleagues who are in need.

Thanks to the weight given by the large number of members of the Institute, to representations made to the Ministry of Health, the Minister has given repeated and strong recommendations to Local Supervising Authorities to employ existing independent midwives under the New Schemes and to allow



experience to count in grading the salaries offered. These salaries are in many cases very unsatisfactory and the Institute is urgently engaged in trying to get the scales improved.

### **Increase in Membership.**

Increase in membership during the year has been very satisfactory and there is now a Branch within the area of practically every Local Supervising Authority, which is being consulted on the Schemes that have been drawn up under the New Act. The number of members is well on the way to 8,000, and we expect a further increase this year. 42 new Branches were formed during the year and 2,171 new members were elected.

### **Changes in the Constitution.**

The question of more adequate representation of the Branches on the Council has occupied the attention of the Council, and important modifications of the Constitution in this respect have been put forward giving a much higher proportion of regional representatives. It is expected that the Special Session held prior to the Annual Meeting will accept the proposed changes which have been submitted to all the Branches.

### **The Work of the Branches.**

The Branches continue to do most valuable work for the profession and their work is greatly appreciated. During the year under review 1,349 lectures and meetings have been held throughout the country, through the efforts of our members.

### **Need for Our Professional Organisation.**

The need for a professional organisation will increase with the new Act, and there is no limit to the work that such an organisation can do for the profession and for its members if it is really supported by them. The financial situation still gives rise to acute anxiety, since the very small subscription asked does not begin to cover all the work done, but no compulsory increase can be contemplated until the profession as a whole is on a better financial level.

The Council has arrangements in hand which will make it possible for old and retired members to remain in membership if they so desire because their experience and faithful work have helped to build up our professional organisation.

**Changes in the Staff.**

It is with regret that we have to report the resignation first of Miss Carter and then of Miss Culverhouse. Mrs. Mitchell who for many years was Deputy Chairman of Council was appointed General and Organising Secretary in September 1936, and is now giving the Institute the benefit of her immense knowledge and energy. The Members may feel confident that their interests are safe in her capable hands.

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# INSTITUTE OF INFANT WELFARE FUND.

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The Trustees have met three times during 1936 to consider the special needs in connection with new exhibits and the maintenance of the Child Welfare Exhibitions.

Out of the grant received from the Pilgrim Trust the Trustees were able to meet the request for a second series of posters on Maternity and Child Welfare for display by Local Authorities on the former Empire Marketing Board frames and also for the use of the Exhibitions and Infant Welfare Centres.

Extra temporary secretarial help was sanctioned to assist in bringing the filing up to date. It was felt by the Trustees that this expense was justified in order to facilitate the office work.

As the function of the Exhibitions is to travel throughout the country, the cost of keeping them in constant repair is a heavy item. At each place the exhibits must look as fresh and clean as if they had not been exhibited before and it is largely upon this fact that the success of the Exhibitions depend. The Trustees agreed that a grant for this purpose was of real value.

Assistance has been given towards the travelling expenses to small places where lectures could not otherwise be arranged because of lack of funds.

In addition to these special grants, the annual grant of £150 towards general maintenance has been given.

The Trustees are very satisfied that the Exhibitions fulfil an educational need which is of great benefit to the Child Welfare movement and that the grants which they have been able to give have proved of real value to the work.

# INVALID CHILDREN'S AID ASSOCIATION.

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Mrs. Munro who had been Secretary of the Association for 36 years, retired at the end of September. When she was appointed, the Association's Offices consisted of two rooms. Now the Association occupies the whole of the third floor at Carnegie House. Mrs. Munro helped the Association to grow from small beginnings, and she saw to it that the foundations of the present structure were well and truly laid. She has promised to become Vice-Chairman of the Council, and will always continue her interest in the Association, to which she has given so much devoted service. Miss Manson has been appointed as Mrs. Munro's successor.

During the year 1936, the Association helped 21,009 children, an increase of 476 over the previous year. The number of children convalesced in 1936 was 8,141 and the number of surgical appliances was 1,669. It is interesting to note that this increase is partly due to the numbers of children referred for convalescence after measles, whooping-cough and pneumonia. As many of them were under 5 years of age, the need for more Convalescent and Nursing Homes for young children was keenly felt. With the growth of preventive medicine and of Infant Welfare work,



there has been a marked increase in the number of medical recommendations for convalescence for infants and toddlers. The Executive Committee has become so much impressed with the importance and the urgency of this work that it has appointed a special Sub-Committee to enquire into the existing accommodation for young children—particularly those under the age of 3—and the possibility of adding more Baby Homes to those already on the Association's approved list. A member of the staff has been allocated temporarily to this survey and helpful and informal consultations have taken place with the Hon. Secretary of the Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres. Cross representation has also been arranged between the Homes Committees of the two Associations.

There have been further developments of the Association's work both in London and in Greater London. It has been found necessary to rent a room for use as an I.C.A.A. office on the Burnt Oak Estate, to arrange for an extra worker in the West Lewisham area to help with the cases of children on the new Honor Oak Estate, and to form a special Sub-Committee to consider the possibilities of forming a Branch of the Association in Carshalton. The Association realises the importance of co-operation with other Social Agencies in the Greater London Areas, and during the year two informal Meetings were arranged to which were invited representatives of other Societies, who reported on the development of their own work.

The Annual Meeting took place on May 12th at Norfolk House, by kind permission of the Duke of Norfolk. His Grace, the Archbishop of Westminster was in the Chair, and the speakers were :—Sir Maurice Cassidy, The Rt. Hon. Sir Kingsley Wood, Miss Helen Simpson and Miss Yvonne Arnaud.

A special course of six Lectures for I.C.A.A. workers and others interested in the care of invalid children, was arranged by the Association and proved most successful. One of the Lectures took the place of the October Council Meeting—the subject being “The London County Council's Nutrition Clinics.”

Two other Council Meetings were held during the year. In March, when Dr. Fawcett was in the Chair, Mr. Astbury of the Charity Organisation Society spoke on “The Problems of the Hire Purchase System.” The second Council Meeting took the

form of the Joint Session of the Invalid Children's Aid Association and the Central Council for the Care of Cripples at the Conference in Liverpool arranged by the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality. The subject was "Co-operation between Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and Specialist Health Services."—the speakers being D. Capon, lecturer on Children's Diseases at the University of Liverpool, and Dr. McFarland. Both speakers stressed the value of preventive work among children and the importance of early detection of crippling diseases. The Session was followed by a most successful visit to the Margaret Bevan Hospital of Leasowe.

The Association addressed a letter to the London County Council, stressing the needs of children suffering from chronic chest troubles, and asking whether the Council had any scheme for the provision of additional open-air residential Schools. The London County Council has continued the arrangement whereby the Association is asked to provide convalescence for cases approved by the Medical Officer of the Council, when the pressure on L.C.C. beds is too great, the Association being given a grant in aid as before. The Association continued to act for the L.C.C. in the Contact Scheme and has been asked to supply particulars of the convalescence received by children who were victims of the 1935-1936 measles epidemic.

The Association administered the money from the invested funds of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent's Wedding Gift Fund. Convalescence was provided for the children of unemployed men living in areas where unemployment was due to trade depression, such as the distressed areas in the Counties of Durham and Lancashire. The number of children sent away was 61, and the total number of weeks of convalescence was 192. One of the grateful parents wrote as follows :—" I feel that I must write and thank you very much indeed for the benefit my boy has received from having six weeks at a Convalescent Home. They have made a new man of him."

The Association's nine Homes, seven of which are approved by the Board of Education as open-air residential Schools, have as usual accommodated large numbers of children, not only from London and Greater London, but from country districts, more especially the two Heart Homes—the Edgar Lee Home, Stonebridge Park and the Heart Home and Hospital, West Wickham, Kent. Few local authorities have open-air residential Schools for



the rheumatic heart cripple, and those who have not, have availed themselves of the treatment with rest and education provided at these two Homes. Local Authorities, as far away as Camarthenshire, are sending children to the Association's Homes.

The rheumatic heart child who is severely handicapped in life without special treatment, is one of the big problems of to-day, and as a means of hearing of these children throughout England, the I.C.A.A. has recently entered into an arrangement with the Central Council for the Care of Cripples whereby the C.C. for C.C. organisers are to report all cases of heart cripples direct to the Central Invalid Children's Aid Association.

The Association, in conjunction with the Charity Organisation Society, organised a special three months' Training Course for Voluntary Workers, which has proved itself a success.

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## REPORT OF THE WORK FOR THE YEAR 1936.

Early in the new year, the Committee decided that plans should be got out for the much-needed extension of the out-patient department at Cromwell House, and for the addition of some small separate nurseries for observation purposes. The money raised by the Matinee in the previous May, for which Viscountess Dawson of Penn and her Ladies' Committee worked so hard, made it possible for this work to be started. Early in the Spring, the builders came in, and began to carry out the approved plans, and though work was going on all through the summer and autumn, the usual activities of the centre were in no way interfered with. H.R.H. the Duchess of York, as Her Majesty then was, very graciously consented to open the new wing on December 3rd, but at the last moment was unavoidably prevented from coming. In spite of the great disappointment naturally felt by everyone, the programme was carried out as arranged. Lady Galway, Hon. Mrs. Hardinge, Hon. Mrs. Hoare, Lady Capel Cure, Dr. and Mrs. Jewesbury and other members of the Committee received the Viscountess Dawson of Penn, the Contessa di Sant' Elia and the Mayor of Hornsey and a large gathering of mothers, babies, toddlers and friends. The Princess Elizabeth of York Hall was soon full to overflowing. Lady Galway conveyed a message of regret from H.R.H. the Duchess of York at not being able to be present and of hope that

it would be possible for her to pay an unofficial visit to the centre later. Lady Galway then described the new buildings, which were to be opened, and said that the large new hall was to be called the Ethel Dawson of Penn Hall, in appreciation of all that Lady Dawson had done for the Society. The special observation nurseries, which were above the new hall, were being called the Karitane Nurseries, Lady Galway said, in token of the appreciation felt for the gift of £1,000 from the Karitane Products' Society of New Zealand. The furniture in the new building had been bought with a generous gift of £100 from the Contessa di Sant' Elia, who had added to her previous kindness by coming to receive the Pound Day gifts later that afternoon.

Dr. Jewesbury said that the extension of the Out-patient Department and the Observation Nurseries, into which babies could be put on admission for a week or so for observation to prevent the spread of possible infection, would be of the greatest value to the Society, and he thought the Society now had a unique unit in London, indeed in the whole country. The Viscountess Dawson of Penn made a charming little speech expressing her thanks. The Mayor of Hornsey then performed the opening ceremony, which consisted in turning the key in a miniature door, brought up to him by two of the nurses. Visitors were then invited to visit the new building, and tea was served. At the same time the Pound Day gifts were being presented to the Contessa di Sant' Elia ; these amounted to £102 in money, and those in kind were valued at about £25.

The Annual Meeting was, as usual, held in the summer, on July 9th, and it was again possible to hold a Meeting of delegates from all the affiliated centres earlier on the same afternoon. Lady Galway, in presenting the Annual Report, spoke of the high traditions of the Society, and reminded all who worked under its aegis that it lay with each one to uphold that tradition.

Dr. Jewesbury made special reference to the photographs of the triplets in the Annual Report : these babies had been inmates at Cromwell House for about 3 months at the beginning of their lives ; they were now, he said,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years old and were splendid specimens of childhood. Mrs. Mark Ostrer, who was honouring the Society with her presence for the first time, said that she had been much interested in the methods for some years and was very pleased to be present at this annual gathering.



This year, Dr. R. C. Jewesbury, the M.T.S. Hon. Medical Director, was President of the Pediatric Section of the British Medical Association, and in this capacity had read a paper on Diseases of Children at the Annual Meeting of the B.M.A. at Oxford.

The records for the past year in the Society's clinics are given below. The attendances at the two newest clinics at Brighton and Kingston shew a very considerable increase on last year's figures, while the attendances at all the older established clinics are well kept up. The establishment of two other clinics in London has relieved considerably the pressure on Headquarters, as well as saved mothers in South London from the very long journey to Highgate.

Records for the past year :—

	<i>Cromwell House.</i>	<i>Earl's Court.</i>	<i>Cardiff.</i>	<i>Newport (one day weekly)</i>	<i>Cambridge</i>	<i>Brighton</i>	<i>Kingston</i>
Attendances							
at Clinics	12,751	8,551	7,237	1,467	2,548	5,825	2,698
New Cases	1,885	784	658	111	148	429	341
Mothers for day for Test Weigh- ing.	543	169	49	7	59	345	63

At the Training School at Highgate, the following received the M.T.S. Certificate during the year :—

Fully-trained Nurses	..	19
Midwives .. ..	..	5
Previously untrained	..	26

At the special Mothercraft Courses of Lectures at Highgate there was an attendance of 39, and of 29 at Earl's Court.

In April, Miss Liddiard acted as demonstrator when the Films on Natural Feeding were shewn at the Nursing Exhibition at the University of London and again in Liverpool in June on the occasion of the Baby Week Conference, and again in October to the Public Health Section of the College of Nursing.

The Society organised its usual Produce Stall in aid of the Beneficent Fund of the A.N.T.S. at the Sale held at the College of Nursing in November, and was able to hand over £28 2s. 0d. for the cause.

The Society took part in the Child Welfare Section of the Exhibition held at the Alexandra Palace from October 7th to 24th which was organised by the Exhibition Committee of the National Council, also in a one day Exhibition at the College of Nursing in November.

As all the affiliated centres are entirely dependent upon voluntary support, there is great demand for enthusiasm, energy and resource in the raising of money and in the practice of economy in the spending of it. A record of having made ends meet at all centres, in spite of necessarily increased outlay, shews that each Committee is fully alive to its responsibilities as well as convinced of the need for the work.

The following lectures were given at the Training School :—

By Dr. R. C. Jewesbury on Rickets.

By Dr. A. Doyne Bell, four lectures on Minor Ailments to cover the syllabus of the Royal Sanitary Institute Examination for Mothercraft Nurses.

By Dr. Grace Calver, a series of lectures to the Mothercraft Nurses on The Development of Character.

The following outside lectures and addresses have been given by Miss Liddiard, Nursing Director :—

To the members of the G.F.S. at Selsey.

At a Drawing-room Meeting at Buckhurst Hill.

To the Croydon Branch of the Midwives' Institute.

At the Annual Meeting of the Lincolnshire Nursing Association.

At St. Thomas's Babies' Hostel, Kennington.

At the Mothers' Club at Purley.

At the Annual Meeting of the Children's Aid Association at Ramsgate.

and by the Matron :—

A Course of Lectures on Mothercraft to the Hampstead Division of the British Red Cross Society.



Among the visitors to Headquarters during the year were the following parties :—

Doctors from St. Thomas's Hospital, brought by Dr. R. C. Jewesbury.

Students from the School of Dietetics.

Teachers of Midwives.

Members of the College of Nursing.

Health Visitors attending the Winter School.

Nurses from University College Hospital.

Nurses from St. Mary's, Islington.

V.A.D. officers and Members of various Detachments.

Midwives from York Road.

Queen's College Students.

King's College Students.

Morley College Students.

Bedford College Students.

Berridge House Domestic Science Students.

Norlan Institute Students.

Wimbledon Technical College Students.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in April, when Lord Astor was re-elected President and the Honorary Officers were re-appointed. The Association welcomed the following new members :—Alderman John Donovan, C.B.E., J.P., who represents Cardiff ; Councillor W. Thompson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne ; Dr. C. K. J. Hamilton, Dr. Leslie Housden and Dr. K. Tallerman. Two members have resigned—Alderman Shelmerdine, J.P.\* who has served on the Committee since its inception in 1912, and Alderman David Adams, who gave up his membership on his election to Parliament.

The Executive Committee has sustained a great loss in the resignation of Dr. Eric Pritchard, who has acted as one of the Hon. Secretaries of the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality since 1912. Dr. Pritchard's whole-hearted devotion to the work of the Association is known to everyone, and the invaluable services he has rendered to the maternity and child welfare movement as a whole. The members of the Executive Committee of the two societies with which Dr. Eric Pritchard has been connected so long, *i.e.*, the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality and the Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres at the last meeting in December made him a presentation as a small mark of their appreciation of all his good work.

\* Alderman Shelmerdine's death in February 1937 is now noted with much regret.



The Executive Committee has met seven times during the year, two of the meetings being held in conjunction with the Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres. Questions of interest to the maternity and child welfare movement as a whole have been discussed at these meetings. Overcrowding at maternity and child welfare centres continued to occupy the committee's attention and the final findings were referred to a committee consisting of members of both Associations interested in the question.

### **Joint Meetings.**

The first joint meeting of the year was held in March, when the question whether nursery schools should be under the local health authority or the education authority was discussed. Representatives of the Nursery School Association and the Emergency Open-Air Nurseries were present and the discussion was opened by Dr. Ethel Cassie (Birmingham).

The second joint meeting was held in November, in conjunction with the Public Health Congress at the Royal Agricultural Hall, under the Chairmanship of Dame Janet Campbell. At this meeting a series of short papers were read on "What more should be done to promote the welfare of mothers and pre-school children?" The speakers were Dame Louise McIlroy, Dr. Eric Pritchard, Dr. Cecile Booyesen, Sir Bruce Bruce-Porter, Miss A. M. Wallis and Dr. D. H. Geffen. The meeting was well attended and the different subjects were usefully discussed.

### **The Annual Conference.**

The National Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare took place this year in Liverpool. The delegates included representatives from the United States, India, Australia and other Dominions in addition to official delegates from the Ministry of Health, the Welsh and Scottish Departments of Health and the Army Council. Most of the national and local voluntary organisations engaged in maternity and child welfare work were represented, and there were also present a large number of medical officers of health, maternity and child welfare medical officers, representatives of public health and maternity and child welfare committees.

The proceedings were opened by the Lord Mayor, and the presidential address given by Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, M.P., (Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health).

The subject for discussion at the first session was "The promotion of maternal welfare in relation to child health." A paper on "Domiciliary midwifery" by Dame Janet Campbell, M.D., M.S., was taken as read in her absence and was followed by a paper on "The influence of pre-natal work upon foetal and neonatal mortality" by Dr. A. Leyland Robinson (University of Liverpool). Dr. Katherine M. Hirst (Birmingham) dealt with "Rest and convalescence as factors in maternal welfare" and Miss Elsa Alden (Midwives' Institute) took for her subject "Mental health in relation to maternal welfare from the midwife's point of view."

At the afternoon session the National Baby Week Council co-operated with the Save the Children Fund and discussed "Maternal welfare and the public." Dr. A. Dingwall Fordyce presided. Dr. Charlotte Douglas (Department of Health for Scotland), Mr. Edward Fuller (Save the Children Fund), Mrs. E. M. Braddock (Liverpool) and Mr. H. Cross (Central Union of Fathers' Councils) all contributed papers.

On the second day, the National Society of Day Nurseries and the Nursery School Association of Great Britain were responsible for the session, with the Hon. Mrs. Eustace Hills in the Chair. A paper on "The education of parents through day nurseries" was read by Dr. Björkegren, who was followed by Miss Grace Owen, O.B.E., on "Co-operation between home and nursery school" and Miss Nancy J. Quayle on "Parents' clubs in nursery schools."

"The importance of co-operation between maternity and child welfare services and the specialist health services" was considered at the afternoon session, which was arranged by the Invalid Children's Aid Association and the Central Council for the Care of Cripples, with Dr. W. M. Fraser (Medical Officer of Health for Liverpool) in the Chair. Dr. Norman B. Capon (University of Liverpool) read the first paper and Dr. Bryan McFarland followed.

On the last day, the National Council for the Unmarried Mother and Her Child, the Child Guidance Council and the State Children's Association co-operated in arranging a session, which took for its subject "Parents and substitute parents," with the Dowager Lady Nunburnholme, J.P., in the Chair. Mrs. W. A. Potts (National Council for the Unmarried Mother and Her Child)



and Councillor J. Kelly (State Children's Association) read papers. "The adopted child and child guidance clinics" was dealt with by Dr. C. L. C. Burns (Director of the Birmingham Child Guidance Clinic).

The Maternity and Child Welfare Group of the Society of Medical Officers of Health was responsible for the final meeting. Dr. G. C. M. M'Gonigle (Medical Officer of Health for Stockton-on-Tees) was in the Chair and the subject taken for discussion was "Ante-natal nutrition." Dame Louise McIlroy, M.D., D.Sc., and Dr. S. J. Cowell (University of London) contributed valuable papers.

### **Pilgrim Trust and Lecture Sub-Committee.**

During the year several lectures have been given out of the fund provided by the Pilgrim Trust. These included branches of the Midwives Association, the Midwives Institute and the District Nursing Associations in Warwickshire, Dorset, Bedfordshire, Berkhamsted, Chesterfield and Northamptonshire. The subjects chosen were "The premature infant," "The care of the infant up to six months," "Difficulties in the breast-feeding of infants" and other kindred subjects.

### **WOMEN'S IMPERIAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION FUND.**

This fund provided 83 lectures during 1936. Branches of the Women's Co-operative Guild in various parts of the country have had 23 lectures. 11 lectures were given to the Hertfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes. Other Women's Institutes which applied for lectures were Bosham and Fishbourne, Kilmersdon and Little Warley and Childerditch, while Guilds of Empire, Sisterhood Councils, Adult Schools, Parent Teacher Associations, Branches of the British Legion, Wives Fellowships and Maternity and Child Welfare Centres make up the rest of the total.

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The twentieth year of the Council's work saw another year of increased activity and influence both at home and overseas. During the year the Council's assistance was sought and given in no less than 1,353 (as compared with 1,146 for 1935) local Baby Weeks, Health and Baby Weeks, Health Weeks, Baby Days, Baby Competitions and other activities, such as film displays, lectures and so forth.

During 1936 the Council, continuing its scheme of propaganda, selected two subjects for special attention :—

(a) Maternal welfare (stressing the constructive aspects—welfare and happiness—as distinct from maternal mortality, disease and morbidity).

(b) The question as to whether all is being done that should be done, nationally and locally, for the welfare of the child from two to five years of age.

Both of these subjects were generously supported by the Press, not only during National Baby Week itself, but throughout the whole year and the Council is deeply indebted to the Press for its sympathetic co-operation.

Once again National Baby Week was the occasion of the Annual Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare, organised by the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality. The National Baby Week Council in co-operation with the Save



the Children Fund was responsible for the session on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 1st, when Dr. A. Dingwall Fordyce presided over a well attended gathering which discussed "Maternal Welfare and the Public." The results of the Imperial Baby Week Challenge Shield Competition, the "Astor (1931)" Challenge Shield Competition and the "William Hardy" Challenge Shield Competition were announced at this session.

Another important feature of National Baby Week was the Baby Week Meeting for Parents arranged by the Central Union of Fathers' Councils and the National Baby Week Council. This took place on July 2nd in the Lecture Hall of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, when Dr. Eric Pritchard presided and Dr. J. Scott, Medical Officer of Health for Fulham, gave an address on "The Problems of Parenthood."

There was distinct evidence that Baby Sunday, which during 1936 fell on July 5th, is becoming more widely known and its observance more widespread. Again many *special* services were held, and among the many outstanding child welfare sermons preached on that day was one by Canon F. L. Donaldson in Westminster Abbey, which was referred to in the News Bulletin of the B.B.C. and which had great publicity in the press. In addition to the support given by individual clergy the Council also received the valuable support of the Salvation Army, the National Adult School Union, the Church Army, the Mothers' Union and the National Sisterhood Movement.

The Annual display of propaganda films was held in the Kingsway Hall, London on July 3rd, attended by over 2,000 persons. A similar film show took place in the Picton Hall, Liverpool, on the evening of July 1st, during the period of the Conference, and was attended by approximately 1,000 people. On this occasion, Alderman R. L. Burns, J.P., presided and during the programme songs were rendered by the Wavertree Male Voice Choir and addresses were given by Dr. B. T. J. Glover, Senior Assistant Medical Officer of Health for Liverpool and Mr. H. Cross, Central Union of Fathers' Councils.

By the kind co-operation of the Professional Photographers' Association, who collected the photographs, and Messrs. Derry and Toms, who placed the Thackeray Rooms at the disposal of the Council (in both cases free of charge) an Exhibition of Child Studies was arranged with the object of demonstrating to the

public by photographic art the appearance of healthy well-developed babies and little children. The exhibition was opened on July 1st by Violet Lady Melchett, Vice-President of the Council, and remained open daily during National Baby Week. In addition to the Exhibition child welfare addresses were given in the afternoons and child welfare films were displayed during the mornings.

Approximately 30,000 posters were displayed throughout the United Kingdom during National Baby Week gratuitously by members and friends of the Council. In this connection the Council's thanks are again due to a number of prominent bill-posting firms for exhibiting the Council's posters on their street stations free of all charge.

A specially noteworthy feature of National Baby Week was the increased number of shops and stores up and down the country which displayed interest in the Week. Almost without exception those firms which co-operated during the previous year did so again this year, but the total number of firms co-operating was trebled. In the majority of instances the Council's leaflets were distributed by the various firms to their customers either directly or in parcels delivered.

Entries were again received from many parts of the Empire for the Imperial Baby Week Challenge Shield Competition and the Shield was awarded to the Alberta Council on Child and Family Welfare, Canada, for the best Baby Week campaign held throughout the Empire, exclusive of the United Kingdom. The State of Mysore secured second place for which a "Save the Babies" plaque was presented and the following Baby Week Committees were Highly Commended :—Mbale (Uganda), Kongwa (Tanganyika Territory), Abeokuta (Nigeria), Chikballapur (India), and Sydney (New South Wales).

During National Baby Week the "Astor (1931)" Silver Challenge Shield was awarded to the Northampton Maternity and Infant Welfare Voluntary Association for the most novel and effective piece of propaganda on the welfare of the child from two to five years of age, conducted during the previous twelve months. Hill and Cakemore Infant Welfare Centre (Worcs.) secured second place and was awarded the "Kettering" Shield. Kingston-on-Thames Voluntary Committee and Burnham-on-Crouch (Essex) Child Welfare Centre were Highly Commended.



The "William Hardy" Silver Challenge Shield was awarded to the Mayfield Women's Institute (Sussex) for the best scheme of propaganda on the welfare of mothers, babies and little children in a rural area.

The Council is deeply appreciative of the honour conferred upon it by the Right Hon. Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., Minister of Health, who invited the Council to hold its meetings during the year at the Ministry of Health. This recognition of the importance of the Council's work is a matter for great encouragement.

The following National Competitions were conducted by the Council during the year :—

A. TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS.—Essay on six conditions which would help to promote healthy and happy motherhood. The first prize was won by Mrs. M. P. Vivian of the Ashted Townswomen's Guild.

B. WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.—Essay competition on the same subject as that set for members of Townswomen's Guilds. The first prize was awarded to Mrs. L. M. Jones of the Leigh and Bransford Women's Institute, Worcs.

C. MOTHERS AND FATHERS.—Mothers were invited to address letters to the Council on "How I would help my husband to be a good father" and fathers on "How I would help my wife to be a healthy and happy mother." Many entries were received and Mrs. L. Williams of Stretford, Lancs., won first prize in the mothers' section and Mr. S. Herbert, of New Silksworth, Co. Durham, first prize in the fathers' section.

D. SENIOR GIRLS' AND BOYS' SCHOOLS.—A competition for the best slogans with an apt relation to "Baby Week." Head Teachers were asked to select and send to the Council those which in his or her opinion were the six best slogans devised by the pupils of the school entered. To the Dunscroft Council Boys' School, Dunscroft (near Doncaster) and the Alexandra Park Senior Girls' School, Fishponds, Bristol, went the honour of winning the silver-mounted "Save the Babies" wall plaques awarded by the Council for these competitions.

E. GIRL GUIDES.—Guides were invited to write during National Baby Week a list of seven good turns a guide might perform to help her mother to keep baby healthy. Fountain pens were awarded for the three best lists received.

The Council's special form of propaganda among Midwives during the year took the form of an open letter addressed by the Council to individual Midwives in National Baby Week inviting their co-operation in the Council's endeavour to ensure happy and healthy motherhood. In addition, 55,000 copies of the revised edition of the Council's booklet "To Mothers-to-be" (with an additional chapter on nutrition) were distributed through Local Supervising Authorities to Midwives to hand on to their patients.

The demand for the Council's publications during the year was considerable and the new leaflet "The Toddler Calling" and the new post-card "And Now she's Five" were particularly welcomed. Various leaflets and pamphlets had to be reprinted in order to meet the many requests for them.

The Council's work overseas, now firmly established, was consolidated during the year and the Council continued to receive extensive co-operation from the Overseas Press, which was of the utmost value in propaganda work such as the Council conducts.

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# NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE UNMARRIED MOTHER AND HER CHILD.

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The Council's activities for the past few years, so far as its legislative work is concerned, have been concentrated chiefly on watching and examining recent legislation affecting children, and seeing how far new as well as old Acts of Parliament may be utilised for the special benefit of those born out of wedlock. The Children and Young Persons Act, 1933, went some way to provide possibilities of guardianship for illegitimate children such as the Council had suggested in its last draft parliamentary bill. The Council has noted with much satisfaction that a number of young expectant mothers under the age of seventeen in need of care and protection have been brought before the Juvenile Courts and arrangements made, with the assistance of the Local Education Committees who have taken over guardianship, for their admittance to a suitable maternity home.

The Local Government Act, 1929, and the Children and Young Persons Act, 1932, have been beneficial in bringing foster-children under closer supervision. The whole question of foster-mothers is, however, one about which the Council and its allied organisations are greatly disturbed. A small Committee has been formed to discuss and explore the best methods of obtaining suitable foster mothers with satisfactory conditions for all concerned.

The Money Payments (Justices Procedure) Act, 1935, has not been in force sufficiently long for the Council to gain any real knowledge as to its effect on affiliation cases. An address on social

problems raised by this Act and on the terms of reference of the Departmental Committee on Social Services in Courts of Summary Jurisdiction which was then sitting, was given at the Council's Annual Meeting in December, 1935, by Mr. H. E. Norman, Secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers. This Departmental Committee which subsequently issued its report, was of opinion that every Court should have the services of an officer to undertake enquiries whenever the Court thinks such enquiry necessary or desirable for the purposes of ascertaining as closely as possible the means and circumstances of a defendant, and also, in maintenance and affiliation cases, those of the other party, and to present a report for the Court's guidance. The Council is strongly of opinion that this is a matter of the greatest importance in the majority of affiliation cases if justice is to be found for both complainant and defendant, and trusts that some suitable arrangement will at once be made by every Court which has not already taken such action. The Social Services Committee also stated in its report that the practice of holding separate sessions for matrimonial cases was one which should be recommended, and there were other types of work, such as affiliation cases, which might suitably be grouped with matrimonial cases. This is an arrangement which the Council has long desired.

Evidence was given by the Council's representatives before the Home Office Committee on the Enforcement of Fines, etc., in 1934, on the subject of Collecting Officers. In the circular issued later to Clerks to Justices, the Home Office pointed out that under the Affiliation Orders Act, 1914, Justices must require all payments to be made to the Collecting Officer unless they are satisfied upon representations expressly made by the woman, that it is undesirable to do so; such payment, in the opinion of the Home Office, might do much to check the accumulation of arrears. The way in which the particular section of this Act has been entirely disregarded, or only partially obeyed, in a number of Courts, has always been a matter of much concern to the Council.

The powers conferred on Local Authorities by the Maternity and Child Welfare Act, 1918, and the Local Government Act, 1929, continue to be of great benefit to illegitimate children as well as to those more fortunately born. The annual maintenance grants to homes for unmarried mothers, formerly allocated by the Ministry of Health and paid by the Treasury, have apparently all been continued by the Local Authorities to existing



homes. The loss of additional grants for such expenses as new premises, structural repairs, etc., has, however, been keenly felt. A circular letter was addressed to County Councils and County Borough Councils, urging provision in their new Schemes under the Local Government Act, not only for the renewal of any previous annual maintenance grant to voluntary homes, but for payment of fees in individual cases of unmarried mothers and illegitimate children. The Council was glad to have an assurance from a number of Authorities that existing grants would be continued, and to learn that these representations had been the means of persuading a few more Authorities, at any rate, to inaugurate a scheme for individual cases.

The Local Government Act did away with the former ban against payment of out-relief by Poor Law Authorities to unmarried mothers, and some small subsidy may be granted in times of stress to an unmarried mother who can support herself and her child to some extent by her own efforts. There are many cases, too, in which it is a wise policy to disburse a small weekly sum for the maintenance of an expectant or nursing unmarried mother, of previous respectability, in a voluntary home. Such arrangements as these are not only economical for the ratepayers but likely to bring lasting results for good.

The Legitimacy Act, 1926, a piece of social legislation in which the Council feels it may justly claim some considerable amount of "parental" pride, has been the means of ameliorating the lot of many illegitimate children. The Council notes that over 31,000 children have now been re-registered under the Act. Information is frequently sought from the office as to the method of procedure, or advice given to parents as to the possibilities of legitimation.

The provisions of the Births and Deaths Registrations Acts are a source of much distress to many unmarried parents and of hardship in later years to the children concerned. The Council continues to urge all interested in such matters to do their utmost to persuade the father to sign the register with the mother, so that the unfortunate child's birth certificate may not show a blank space where the father's name should appear.

The Guardianship of Infants Act, 1925, gave the mother of any infant power "by deed or will" to appoint any person to be the guardian of her child in the event of her death. The Executive Committee has given instructions that the advisability of taking

such action shall be pointed out to mothers dealt with in the Case Department, and the Council would wish that such a course should be adopted by all workers concerned with the fate of individual children.

The Adoption of Children Act, 1926, has benefitted many illegitimate children by providing legal machinery for the permanent transference of a child to the custody of new parents. The Act laid no ban, however, on irregular adoptions, and unsatisfactory transactions of this kind have undoubtedly continued. By invitation of the National Children Adoption Association, the Council took part in a deputation to the Home Secretary, Sir John Simon, to ask for an enquiry into the conditions at present existing in connection with adoption. The Home Secretary promised to give careful consideration to the representations submitted by the deputation, and later set up a Committee under the chairmanship of Miss Florence Horsbrugh, M.P., before which the Council gave evidence.

The Council endeavours to keep in touch with organisations of a similar kind in other countries by correspondence both on general work and sometimes, in regard to individual cases, and visitors from abroad call at the office from time to time. At a meeting of the Council held in July, an address on the position of the illegitimate child and its parents in Holland was given by Dr. H. M. Sark, Hon. Secretary of De Nederlandsche Federatie Van Instellingen Voor De Ongehuwede Moeder En Haar Kind (National Federation for the Unmarried Mother in the Netherlands). Miss Gisele Shaw (Buenos Aires) also spoke about work for the unmarried mother in the Argentine Republic. The Council appointed a representative on the British National Committee for the Third International Conference on Social Work, which was held in London in July. Delegates attended the Conference, and in co-operation with other constituent bodies of the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare, information was provided on different aspects of child welfare work in Great Britain.

Three leaflets have been published during the year, "Some Powers of Local Authorities in England and Wales in regard to the health and care of unmarried mothers and their children" (2nd edition), "The Illegitimate Child; a Challenge to Society," by Dr. H. P. Newsholme, and "The Unmarried Mother;



a few Notes for Student Health Visitors.” Addresses on different aspects of the Council’s work were given by the General Secretary at a number of meetings in London and the Provinces. The National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality once more invited the Council to take part in the annual Maternity and Child Welfare Conference, which was held at Liverpool in July. The Council joined the Child Guidance Council and the State Children’s Association in the organisation of a session on “Parents and Substitute Parents.” The Dowager Lady Nunburnholme, J.P., kindly agreed to preside, and the speakers were Mrs. W. A. Potts, Dr. C. L. Burns and Councillor J. Kelly.

All homes and hostels affiliated to the Council are entitled to appoint a representative on the Consultative Committee on Homes and Hostels and on the Council. Although of late years the Homes and Hostels Committee has only been called to discuss some special point affecting the work of the homes, the link provided by this representation is much valued by the Council and seems to be appreciated by local Committees. A number of homes have been visited during the year by the General Secretary, The Committees of many homes are feeling the loss of the extra grants which in former days might have been obtainable from the Ministry of Health towards some special item of expenditure, and those made by the Trustees of the Hector Sassoon Bequest for such purposes have been a godsend. The Executive Committee learned with satisfaction that the Llandaff Diocesan Association for Moral Welfare Work proposed to open a maternity home for unmarried mothers, and St. Faith’s Home, Cardiff, has now become affiliated, also Woodlands (Free Church Council’s maternity home), Southsea, St. Margaret’s Home, Scarborough, and St. Anne’s Home, Denbigh Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

The Case Committee has had a busy year, thirty-eight meetings having been held between October 1st, 1935 and September 30th, 1936. During this period 1,254 cases were dealt with, an increase over previous years. Most of these were new applicants, but some were mothers known to the Council for varying periods of time. They included women and girls of almost every possible age, mental capacity and occupation; the environment from which they had come also varied greatly, as well as their previous opportunities of healthy interests and their prospects in life. Many of the special problems which have arisen in individual

cases have been referred to the Executive Committee for particular consideration and action. The general principle that separation of mother and child must be avoided whenever possible has been strictly followed. Adoption is too often advised as the easiest solution of the problem presented by these illegitimate children. The Case Committee would appeal once more to doctors and midwives to cease from promising their patients that arrangements will easily be made for a coming child to be taken for adoption at birth, a suggestion which, in the views of the Council, is not only undesirable in most cases, but frequently proves a source of disappointment and disillusionment. A grant of clothing from Queen Mary's London Needlework Guild, by Her Majesty's gracious interest, was a welcome gift and much appreciated by the mothers to whom the garments were distributed.

The Council noted with appreciation the following reference made to its work by the County Medical Officer of Health for London in his report to the Hospital and Medical Services Committee on the maternity services of London :—

“The National Council for the Unmarried Mother and her Child has proved invaluable in supplying a well-known central office to which girls can apply direct. This organisation is also very useful in co-ordinating the work of the numerous societies operating in this field and diminishing as far as possible the evils of overlapping.”

The Executive and Finance Committees have passed through anxious times this year, and at one period, apart from money earmarked for case work, the Council had only a little over one hundred pounds wherewith to meet its commitments. The Council has always endeavoured to “cut its coat according to its cloth,” and even if it had wished at any time to ask its bankers for an overdraft, had no securities to offer for such a purpose. Members of the Committee and other friends made much appreciated efforts to raise funds. The usual Christmas Sale was held by Mrs. H. A. L. Fisher at the Warden's Lodgings, New College, Oxford, whilst Mrs. de Wesselow again organised a Garden Fete at Epsom, and the Derby Day Dinner-Dance took place in May under the chairmanship of Viscountess Curzon. The annual grant from the Trustees of the Hector Sassoon Bequest has been a most important factor in the Council's work for some years, as this covers a large proportion of the expenses and



disbursements of the Case Department. The Council is grateful to the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare for the favourable terms on which offices are provided in Carnegie House and for the opportunity of participating in Children's Welfare Day, which was again organised by Lady Greer. A welcome contribution from the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, was a share of the profits on its annual conference. The Council was greatly indebted to the British Broadcasting Corporation for the opportunity of a wireless appeal on Sunday, September 27th, and to Mr. Cyril Maude who so kindly agreed to be the Council's spokesman.

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# THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF DAY NURSERIES.

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REPORT FOR 1936.

## **New Affiliations.**

During the year 1936 the following Institutions have become affiliated to the Society :—The Bell Hostel, Eastbourne ; Westaway Creche, Jersey ; Westbourne Day Nursery, Paddington ; Spring Bank Residential Nursery, Leeds ; Alloa Day Nursery, Clackmannan ; Bruntsfield House, Edinburgh ; Dolphin Square Children's Centre, Westminster ; Hugh Smiley Day Nursery, Paisley.

The St. Mary's Home, Streatham has been closed down temporarily and the Alexandra Homes, Devonport have closed down owing to lack of funds.

There are now 155 Day Nurseries and Homes affiliated to the the Society accommodating approximately 5,400 children.

All the London and Greater London, together with a few Provincial, Institutions have been visited during the year by members of the Society, and their advice and criticism have been welcomed.

## **Representatives' Meetings.**

There have been three Meetings of Representatives of Affiliated Nurseries and Homes at which the following addresses have been given :—

Inspector Abbott of the Women's Auxiliary Service on  
" Police Work amongst Children."



Dr. Margaret Hogarth of the L.C.C. on "What a Public Authority can do for its children."

Miss A. M. Campbell, Superintendent of the Rachel McMillan Nursery School, on "Nursery School Work."

Mr. A. Baker, Ex-Senior Superintendent of the London Fire Brigade on "Fire Precautions in Day Nurseries."

### **Battersea Shelter.**

The Shelter in Battersea Park was opened again this year from July 30th to September 6th, and was attended by 60 to 100 children a day (Sundays included). A Matron and Sister were in charge assisted by helpers from the Girl's Guildry.

### **Social Activities.**

Two Balls and a Concert have been successfully organised in aid of General Funds, Shelter and Nursery Knitting Guild by different Members of the Society and the Junior Committee.

### **Training of Probationers**

The Society has filled many vacancies for Probationers and continues to act as an Information Bureau on the subject of Training for Nursery Nurses.

### **Lectures and Examinations.**

During the year 1936 there have been three Lecture Courses, two Elementary and one Advanced. The first Elementary Course, April to June, was given by Dr. Doris Mart, M.B., B.S., M.R.C., D.P.H., Medical Officer to the Bethnal Green Infant Welfare Centre and to the Bethnal Green Day Nursery. The second Elementary Course, October to December, was given by Dr. Janet MacGill, M.D., D.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer to the Balham Welfare Centre. The Advanced Lecture Course, January to March, was also given by Dr. Janet MacGill, following on the previous Elementary Course.

During the year there were three Preliminary Examinations in March, June and December; two Elementary Examinations, June and December, and two Advanced, March and September. The Advanced Examination in September was a special one for which there was no Lecture Course.

These Examinations took place in London and at various centres throughout the country and 1,560 candidates took part ; one Candidate took her Advanced Examination in Southern Rhodesia, not having taken it during the period of her training. Many new Centres sent in Candidates ; Alloa Day Nursery, Bruntsfield House (Edinburgh) Jersey (Westaway Creche) and the Westbourne Day Nursery. Seventy-five per cent of the Candidates passed.

### **Board of Education.**

A Deputation to the Board of Education took place on February 11th, when the subjects of obtaining Grants for Nursery Schools ; Scale of Pay and Pensions for Teachers ; Girl Helpers in Nursery Classes and Infant Schools, were discussed with Dr. Lilian Wilson, Medical Officer, and Mr. Maudslay, Principal Assistant Secretary.

As a result the Board of Education have under consideration the recognition of certain Day Nurseries for the purpose of applying the Teacher's Superannuation Scheme to Nursery School Teachers in Day Nurseries. The Board will also consider applications for Grants to Nursery Schools attached to Day Nurseries subject to the conditions laid down by the Board.

### **London County Council**

Two Deputations to the L.C.C. have taken place, the second in conjunction with the Nursery School Association of Great Britain and the Emergency Open-Air Nurseries Committees, for the purpose of discussing the provision of Day Nurseries and Nursery Schools in new housing schemes. The latter Deputation was received by the Clerk of the Council, the Education Officer, Housing Valuer and Principal Medical Officer, who promised to give sympathetic consideration to any plans submitted to them.

### **Membership of Committees.**

The following new Members have been elected to Committees during the year :—Mrs. J. Cofman-Nicoresti, Chairman of the Day Nurseries Clothing Guild ; Mrs. Jeans, Putney Day Nursery ; Mrs. Nettleton, Chairman, N.S.D.N. Holiday and Convalescent Home, Tunbridge Wells ; Dr. Evelyn McGregor, Shoreditch Borough Council ; Mrs. Benjamin in her capacity as the new Editor of the Day Nursery Journal.



Lady Wilberforce has resigned from the Council and Executive and Lady Greer has been replaced by the Hon. Mrs. D'Arcy Hart as Chairman of the Executive.

The death of Mrs. Weinberg, a Vice-President, who had been connected with the N.S.D.N. since its earliest days, and one of its most valuable members, has been a great loss to the Society.

### **Day Nursery Journal.**

The Society has suffered another loss by the death of Mrs. Alice Denniss who had edited the Day Nursery Journal since 1920. Mrs. Thelma Benjamin, late Editor of the Magazine Page of the *Daily Mail*, has, however, agreed to undertake its editorship. Its circulation is steadily increasing, and from correspondence received it serves a useful purpose. Day Nurseries notifying the Society of their Pound Days receive a gift of any article advertised in the Journal.

### **Nursery Knitting Guild.**

The membership of the Guild has doubled since last year and five distributions of garments have taken place, 63 Nurseries having received parcels of clothing at the last distribution.

### **National Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare.**

The Society took part in the above Conference which was held in Liverpool in July. A Joint Session was organised by the Nursery School Association of Great Britain and the N.S.D.N., the subject under discussion being "The Education of Parents through Day Nurseries and Nursery Schools."

### **Public Health Congress.**

Sir Bruce Bruce-Porter spoke on the need for more Day Nurseries at a session which was held jointly by the A.M.C.W.C. and N.A.P.I.M. and which dealt with the pre-school child.

### **The Ministry of Health.**

Sir Kingsley Wood, Minister of Health, speaking at Wakefield on May 27th drew attention to the value of Day Nurseries for looking after young children whose Mothers went out to work, or

whose home conditions were such that they would be better for the care and supervision these Nurseries supply. He suggested that where the problem existed the Council should consider the question of establishing a Day Nursery, and requested each Council (Circular 1550 of May 29th) to review its arrangements for supervising the health of young children letting him know as soon as possible the results of its considerations.

A great many enquiries have in consequence been received with regard to opening new Nurseries both from Local Authorities and Voluntary Organisations.

### **Planning Sub-Committee.**

A Planning (Architectural) Sub-Committee has been set up on which two well-known London Architects have consented to serve for the purpose of giving advice to Local Authorities or Voluntary Organisations who are contemplating opening new Day Nurseries or re-building existing ones.

### **N.S.D.N. Holiday and Convalescent Home (Hurstleigh, Tunbridge Wells).**

This Home has had a satisfactory year, very free from serious illness, although owing to the lack of sun the children in the summer did not improve quite as much as in better seasons. The numbers were 181 holiday children and 49 convalescent or long period children.

The Committee decided to lower the fees paid by probationers and this experiment has been most satisfactory, as the matron now has a good choice of really suitable girls and experiences no difficulty in filling vacancies.

There is now a small Samaritan Fund to help when it is impossible for the parents to pay full fees for the children.

Matrons of Nurseries as well as mothers have expressed their appreciation of the matron, Miss Bright Robinson's unfailing kindness and interest.

### **St. Margaret's Day Nursery and Guest House.**

The Day Nursery, which admits 28 children, was very well attended during 1936, the number of attendances amounting to



4,250. Twenty-four children are taken in the Guest House for longer or shorter periods, usually owing to the mother's illness. Seventy-four were admitted in 1936. Unfortunately both Nurseries suffered from epidemics of measles and whooping cough in the spring.

Many delicate children show marked improvement under Matron's care, the parents being most appreciative of what is done for them. Four trained Nurses work under Matron and ten probationers are in training.

### **The Babies Hotel and Nursery Training College.**

The Committee are able to report another satisfactory year, despite the difficulties which are bound to come with a complete change of staff; the former Matron and Sister having retired at the end of 1935 after 15 years devoted service.

The co-operation and support of the Ways and Means Committee have become increasingly helpful, and the two cots endowed by them are kept occupied.

With the exception of a tiresome and rather persistent attack of tonsillitis, the health of both children and students has been good. During the summer the Committee were fortunate in being lent a cottage in Sussex for several weeks. This enabled them to send nine delicate children away for a much needed change of air; the holiday was enormously enjoyed by the babies and equally by the nurses who took charge, and they look forward to the repetition of such a happy arrangement.

During the year 60 children have been cared for at the Babies' Hotel and 15 students have successfully completed their year's course, and are already working in posts. The continued demand for Babies' Hotel nurses proves that childrens' nursing is one of the few professions that is not overcrowded.

The Committee feel that they are fortunate in having such zealous and able workers as Miss Crow and Miss Park, who have tackled their new and arduous posts with enthusiasm and enterprise.

The Babies Hotel Committee are most grateful for their generous help and for the keen and sympathetic interest which they take in the work of the Hotel.

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The year 1936-7 has been one of great activity, and on the whole of encouragement. There has been a considerable increase in the membership of the Association. This is largely owing to the opening of new Branches. The total number of Branches is now 19, seven of which were formed during last year. The total membership of the Association has now reached 2,298—a net increase of 795 members.

Two successful Conferences have been held during the year. At the first, in January, in connection with the Annual Conference of Educational Associations, the question of the proper nurture and care of children under five years of age admitted to the Elementary School nursery and babies classes, was discussed. Professor Ginsberg presided, and Miss Lillian de Lissa, Chairman of the Nursery School Association read a paper claiming that a single standard of nurture be maintained for all children under five whether they be admitted to nursery schools or to the nursery classes in Infants Schools. Mr. Armitage, Director of Education



for Leicester, and Dr. Davies, Director of Education for Willesden, followed with papers describing the progressive nursery classes of Leicester and Willesden respectively, and Dr. Burn, Medical Officer of Health for Hebburn dealt with the same problem from a medical point of view.

The second Conference was held in June, covering and extending the subject of discussion of the first Conference. Representatives of Local Authorities and others met by the courtesy of the London County Council at the County Hall, Westminster, on June 26th to discuss "The Education of Children under seven years of age." The Conference was honoured by the presence of the President of the Board of Education (The Rt. Hon. Oliver Stanley, M.P.) who delivered the opening address. Councillor J. H. S. Aitken presided over a large and representative gathering, and addresses were delivered by Miss Lillian de Lissa, on "Principles underlying early education"; by Mr. Thomas Boyce, M.A., B.Sc. (Director of Education for the City of Bradford) on "The Nursery School from Two to Seven Years"; and by Dr. E. Davies, M.C., M.A., D.Phil. (Director of Education for the Borough of Willesden) on "Nursery School Standards in the Nursery Class."

The following resolution was moved by Dr. George E. St. Clair Stockwell (School Medical Officer for Leeds) seconded by Miss J. A. Callard (National Union of Teachers) supported by Miss Helen D. Dedman (Vice-President, National Union of Women Teachers) and others, and carried without dissent:—

That this Conference notes with appreciation that the Board of Education places nursery schools in the forefront of its programme of educational development, and encourages local education authorities to make provision for children under five. While recognising that the type of accommodation provided for such children must necessarily vary with local circumstances, this conference is of opinion that a single standard of nurture and education should be adopted for all young children whether accommodated in separate nursery schools or in nursery departments of elementary schools.

A report of the Conference which was issued in booklet form had a wide circulation. After careful consideration of Mr. Stanley's speech at this conference and of the pamphlet on Nursery Schools and Nursery Classes issued by the Board of Education immediately

afterwards, as well as Circular 1444, it was decided to issue a considered statement of the Association's view of the Board's policy. This was done in the form of a

### **Memorandum on the Educational Needs of Children under Seven**

The memorandum was submitted to the President of the Board and copies were sent to Directors of Education throughout the country, to officials of the Board of Education and its Inspectorate and to the press. The document received wide publicity and aroused much interest and favourable comment.

### **Representations to London County Council :**

In the autumn a memorandum issued jointly by the Nursery School Association and the National Society of Day Nurseries, was submitted to the London County Council, drawing attention to the needs of children under school age in the London area, urging consideration of the possibility of including accommodation for day nurseries and nursery schools in the plans of all London County Council housing schemes, and asking that a deputation from the two organisations might be received by the Housing and Education Committees. Arrangements were subsequently made for the deputation to be received at the County Hall on 11th December.

The Association has continued throughout the year active co-operation with the Housing Centre and the Workers' Educational Association, in the campaign of the Housing and Nursery School Exhibition. This has been organised at 27 centres, the number of visitors varying between 100 and 7,000. In nearly every place the active interest and co-operation of the local education, housing and town planning authorities have been secured. There is every hope of an important extension of this enterprise during 1937.

The past year has seen a record issue of pamphlets and leaflets by the Association. It has been necessary to make extensive reprints of existing pamphlets to meet the demand for them. A new and up-to-date edition of the pamphlet on Nursery School Buildings and Equipment has been issued. The Association is also co-operating with the publishers of "Home and School" by providing each month a section on various aspects of the Nursery School Movement together with Notes and News.



At the National Conference on Child Welfare organised by the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare at Liverpool in July, the Association co-operated with the National Society of Day Nurseries in arranging a session on "The Education of the Parent through Nursery Schools and Day Nurseries." Miss Grace Owen and Miss Nancy Quayle dealt with the nursery school aspect of the subject.

The Association proposes to hold for the first time a Summer School which is planned for two weeks commencing July 26th. One course will be offered for teachers already experienced in the work of the nursery school and another for fully qualified teachers who have had no experience in the work of the nursery school. Others interested will also be welcome to attend this Summer School which is to be held at the Froebel Educational Institute, Roehampton Lane, London, S.W.15. Particulars may be obtained from the Office of the Nursery School Association, 29, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

An important new development which it is hoped will greatly strengthen the work of the Association is the formation of a Head Teachers' Council from among its members, to work in co-operation with the Council of Nursery School Superintendents which has existed for four years and already proved to be of great value both by its study of the problems of the Nursery School from within and by its close co-operation with the Executive Committee of the Association. It is hoped that the work of the two Councils together will cover also the problems of the Nursery Class and the school for children from 2 to 7 years of age. and will assist to further the ultimate aim of the Nursery School Association which is to see the Nursery School recognised as the true basis of the national system of education.

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Since only certain phases of the diverse activities of the Save the Children Fund at home and abroad fall within the scope of the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare, it is not possible to give anything approaching a complete survey of the year's work in this report. To describe activities in Hungary, in Yugoslavia, in Greece, in Palestine, in Abyssinia or Spain, or among the thousands of refugees who are the residue of the Great War and subsequent political changes, would be irrelevant, those these are important expressions of the mission of a society which is unique in this country in that it is not only national, but international.

There are many activities, however, which are in accord with the national character of the Save the Children Fund and the other member-societies of the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare.

An outstanding example is the work of establishing and maintaining nursery schools for the children of the unemployed and other necessitous families, principally in the distressed areas. During the year this activity has again been the subject of special commendation by the Chief Medical Officer of the Board of Education. In his Annual Report for 1935, issued in December, 1936, Sir Arthur MacNalty says :

“ One of the gratifying features of the past year has been the progress made in the provision of nursery schools in the Special Areas. Nursery schools are often most difficult to establish and maintain in the very areas which are in need of them. . . . The credit for establishing nursery schools in the distressed areas belongs jointly to the Emergency Open-Air Nurseries Committee (which is a sub-committee of the Save the Children Fund) and to the Commissioner for the Special Areas without whose



financial assistance their efforts would have been much more restricted. . . . The Committee does valuable work in assisting voluntary committees to start nursery schools in special areas, and although these have frequently been originally planned on a modest scale, it is often found that the social service rendered justifies the school being taken over by the Local Education Authority after a year's working."

At the date of the Chief Medical Officer's report, there were only seventy-nine nursery schools in the whole of England and Wales recognised by the Board of Education. Of these, nine (more than eleven per cent.) were founded under Save the Children Fund auspices. The Fund is indebted to the Commissioner for the Special Areas for his co-operation by way of substantial grants towards the cost of building and maintenance in those areas, but it must be remembered that the Fund also establishes and maintains nursery schools in areas which, though suffering gravely from poverty (*e.g.*, Hoxton in London) are not "Special" within the meaning of the Special Areas Act and are not eligible for grants.

Another phase of the work in this country which deals very largely with children of the unemployed and low-scale wage-earners is Fairfield House Open-air School at Broadstairs. As usual, some 200 children (fifty-two at a time, who are generally retained for a period of three months) have benefited during the year. The results in increased weight, improved stamina, posture and mental alertness and a general annulment of the characteristic sequelae of undernourishment, over-crowding and lack of sleep and air are now too much of a commonplace at Fairfield to demand comment. The children, girls aged seven to fifteen, are all selected by the school medical officers of their own localities as being specially in need of and susceptible to this type of preventive-curative treatment.

In addition to needy children who are helped through the two types of school referred to, domiciliary relief was given to several hundred children of all ages from infancy and to expectant and nursing mothers by grants of milk, mostly provided under the Adoption Scheme whereby a five guinea subscription is earmarked by the subscriber for the benefit of a specific child selected from the Fund's waiting list. Collaboration with the National Union Teachers in the provision of boots and supplementary nourishment for necessitous school children was also continued.

# THE STATE CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION.

*Chairman* : THE RT. HON. LORD STANMORE.

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*Hon. Secretary* : MR. J. A. LOVAT-FRASER, M.P.

The State Children's Association experienced a sad loss by the death of Dame Henrietta Barnett in June. She had been in failing health for some time, but continued almost to the end to take an interest in the body which she founded in 1896. She was one of the most outstanding women of her time and to write of her amazing record is needless. She will be greatly missed by the State Children's Association.

The Association also suffered a severe loss during the year by the death of Mr. K. G. Russell Vaizey. He had been a member of various Committees of the Association for many years, and had child welfare very much at heart. His death leaves a sad gap.

The Association has steadily pursued its task of endeavouring to secure a better life and better conditions for Poor Law children and juvenile offenders. In the case of the former it has striven for individual as against institutional treatment, and for boarding out and scattered homes as against large institutions and the workhouses. In the case of the latter it has aimed at substituting probation for prison and the birch, and at making good citizens out of youthful offenders against the law.

## **Poor Law Children.**

The Association has followed the press closely for matters relating to Poor Law children. There are still features in the situation that cause concern. At the end of the year 1935 there were still 450 children in workhouses contrary to the provisions of Article 27 of the Public Assistance Order of 1930. The Association has been in communication with the Ministry of Health about several cases. One case may be cited as showing what is still possible. A boy of six and a half died under circumstances which led a jury to return a verdict that the cause of death was



“ shock caused by intense cold in a case of malnutrition of body and multiple minor injuries.” The Public Assistance Committee held an enquiry and were unanimously of opinion that the matron had been guilty of a very grave error of judgment in administering a tepid spray in very cold weather to the boy.

### **Juvenile Delinquency.**

The Association has continued its close interest in juvenile delinquency. Complaints have been made that it is increasing but those who know best deny that there is any real reason for alarm. Mr. J. F. Henderson, Assistant Secretary at the Home Office, recently said, “ Those who in recent months have been glibly talking of ‘ waves ’ of juvenile crime or delinquency have been doing a disservice to the public. There is no ‘ wave ’—at most there may be a few drops which make hardly a ripple on the ocean.” A demand has arisen in many quarters for a return to birching and imprisonment for young offenders, but the Association refuses to be rushed into a return to old methods by people who do not possess the knowledge that makes their protests worth listening to.

### **National Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare.**

We had the privilege of joining in the National Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare at Liverpool in July. County Councillor Kelly represented the Association and made a speech which gave rise to an interesting discussion and was widely noticed in the press.

### **Finger Prints.**

In July Mr. Lovat-Fraser called the attention of the House of Commons to the announcement of the Home Secretary that in deference to the opinion of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and certain Chief Constables he had sanctioned the taking of fingerprints of juvenile offenders. Mr. Lovat-Fraser condemned the practice as indicating a return to an attitude towards young offenders that had been abandoned. He was supported by several other members of the House. The Home Secretary promised to reconsider his decision.

### **Malnutrition.**

The Executive Committee of the Association decided to give its support to the movement against malnutrition, which is now attracting much attention. The Honorary Secretary is a member of the Children's Minimum Committee and the Malnutrition Committee in the House of Commons, and takes a keen interest in the movement.

### **Friendship Scheme.**

Miss Cameron continued her scheme for befriending children in Approved Schools during the year, and she would welcome volunteers for this valuable work. Women who are willing to do this take a personal interest in one child, or more, correspond with them, take them out occasionally and keep up a friendly interest in them when they leave the schools.

Mr. Lovat-Fraser continues to find his position as a Member of Parliament of great assistance in his work as honorary secretary of the Association. It helps him also to assist Child Welfare in many other aspects. In all that he endeavours to do he is loyally and faithfully assisted by Miss Paterson and Miss Cameron, who have the welfare of the Association very much at heart.



THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.  
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Dr.

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1936.

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TO CREDITORS AND ACCRUED CHARGES		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
General	.. ..	142	8	5			
Exhibitions	.. ..	68	10	7			
					210	19	0
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TO BANK OVERDRAFT—Secured by the personal guarantee of a Member of the Council					1,474	4	8
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Unexpended Balance	.. ..	18	14	5			
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TO ACCUMULATED FUND							
As at 31st December, 1935							
General	.. ..	18,241	5	5			
Exhibitions	.. ..	97	3	0			
					13,338	8	5
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Less : Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year					1,731	13	11
					11,606	14	6
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Add : Profit on Investment realised during the year					70	2	10
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					11,676	17	4
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					£13,380	15	5
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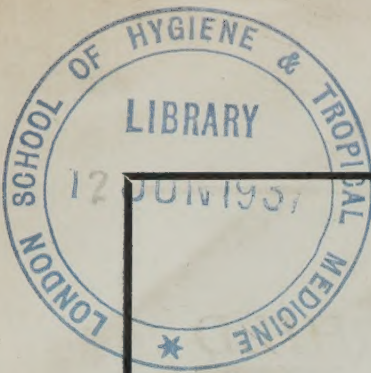
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